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PROGRAM

Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN
April 28, 29, 1942

Theme: "God's Program of Defense"

Scripture: "I am set for the Defense of the Gospel"
Phil. 1:17b

Tuesday Morning, April 28

THEME: God's Program of Defense

- 10:00—Worship and Praise A. E. Pardue
- 10:20—Words of Welcome W. D. Lofton
- 10:30—Response J. E. Sweany, Convention President
- 10:40—Devotional Thought W. W. Kyzar
- 11:00—A Timely Defense Mrs. O. M. Jones
- 11:10—A Thorough Defense A. L. Goodrich
- 11:25—Music
- 11:30—An Early Defense Andrew Allen
- 12:00—Adjourn.

Tuesday Afternoon, April 28

- 1:30—Worship and Praise A. E. Pardue
- 1:45—Devotional Thought W. W. Kyzar
- 2:05—An Intensive Defense D. Swan Haworth
- 2:25—Music
- 2:30—An All-Out Defense T. L. Holcomb
- 3:00—Department Conferences:

Cradle Roll Miss Mary Ellen Caver
Beginner Mrs. J. Norris Palmer
Primary Mrs. Kay Walton
Junior Miss Blanche Linthicum
Intermediate Mrs. Lee Macdonnel
Young People Mrs. J. H. Street
Adult E. C. Williams
Administration J. N. Barnette

- 4:30—Adjourn from Conference Rooms
- 6:15—Vacation Bible School Conference Mrs. E. O. Murrell
- 6:15—Extension Department Conference
- 7:15—Worship and Praise A. E. Pardue
- 7:35—Devotional Thought W. W. Kyzar
- 7:55—An Extensive Defense J. N. Barnette
- 8:20—Music
- 8:30—An Unyielding Defense—J. D. Grey.
- 9:10—Adjourn

Wednesday Morning, April 29

- 8:30—Department Conferences as on Tuesday afternoon
- 10:00—General Assembly
- 10:10—Worship and Praise A. E. Pardue
- 10:25—Devotional Thought W. W. Kyzar
- 10:45—A Continuous Defense D. A. McCall
- 11:10—Reports and Announcements
- 11:20—Music
- 11:25—A Permanent Defense J. D. Grey

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MISSIONARIES REPORT BETTER CONDITIONS

Tsining Missionaries Compounded: A letter from Miss Ethel Smith of Cowpens, S. C., states that she had a letter from Miss Grace Stribling of Chengchow, Honan, China, written January 8 and sent by air mail. Miss Bertha Smith and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Connely are safe and well in Tsining but shut up in their homes, not allowed out of the yard. Miss Bertha Smith got word to a Chinese to write Miss Stribling to write the letter to Miss Ethel Smith. Miss Smith says that the missionaries in Tsining bought food last summer to last until spring in case they were confined to their home.

Miss Stribling also wrote that the Japanese were not far from Chengchow and that she and Miss Murray were ready to flee in case they should come in their direction.

Funds Sent to Manila: On December 30th, in answer to a cabled request from Earl Parker, \$400 was sent to him in Manila through the American Express. Mr. Parker requested help for himself and Mrs. Allen and children of the English Baptist Mission. No acknowledgement of this remittance was received before the fall of Manila. However, a letter dated February 25 from the Baptist Missionary Society in London says: "I am most grateful to your Society for including one of our missionaries, Mrs. T. W. Allen, in your contribution sent to Manila. Mrs. Allen's mother has written saying how grateful she is for your kindness, and in that gratitude we share." Inasmuch as no notice of this transaction had been sent to the Baptist Missionary Society, we feel that Mrs. Allen must have advised her mother of the receipt of this money. We trust that this indicates also, \$2500 cabled through the Presbyterian Board to Manila on December 29 was received before Manila fell.

Message from Starmers: A cablegram dated March 24 was received from Roy Starmer in Lisbon and reads: "STILL AWAITING DIPLOMATIC BOAT."

Letters from Dr. Beddoe: Letters dated January 4 and 16 have been received from R. E. Beddoe in Wuchow. From the letter of January 16 we quote: "Very sorry I could give no definite information about our missionaries in Hongkong. Mr. Quick of Kweilin was in the Matilda hospital following operation for appendicitis when the trouble broke. Miss Pender had all arrangements made to leave on the 10th or 11th for her station. Miss Ford had gone to Canton. So Dr. Rankin, Miss Dodson, Miss Pender, Mr. Quick and the Wards are caught in Hongkong. At first there were terrible rumors about multiplied thousands of casualties. Later word from various Chinese who escaped after fighting started indicates of these reports led me to cable you "Believe Rankin, Wards Dodson Quick Pender Alright." I hope you

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THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION CONVENTION

On Tuesday evening of last week the Baptist women of the state met in Meridian for their sixty-fourth annual convention.

The sessions were held in the auditorium of the Meridian Junior College, there being no church auditorium in the city large enough to accommodate this large gathering of the women.

At 7:45 o'clock, Mrs. Ned Price, who for the past eight years has presided over the work of the women in her gracious way called the meeting to order following a meditation of special music.

"The Light of the World is Jesus" was sung by the congregation and Bro. Walton E. Lee led in prayer.

Devotional—A devotional message was brought by Bro. W. E. Abel, moderator of the Lauderdale County Association on "Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness appear with healing in His wings," Mal. 4:4.

Gracious words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. Harold Pope. These were on behalf of the thirty-two women's organizations in Lauderdale County, the churches and the city of Meridian.

Mrs. W. L. Compere happily responded to the message of welcome.

The president appointed the following committees who will report at a later session of the convention:

On courtesy—Mrs. Earl Goolsby, Mrs. Harry Dogan, Mrs. A. C. Kimbrell and Mrs. Chas. Deaton.

On Memorial—Miss Mattie Mae Burkett, Mrs. Edgar Reid, Mrs. J. W. Brumfield and Mrs. S. B. Cain.

On Greetings—Mrs. Charles T. Walters and Mrs. Harold Pope.

On Registration—Mrs. R. M. Hamill, chairman.

Representing the work of the Home Mission Board Mrs. Ira Marks, a missionary among the French in southern Louisiana, spoke most interestingly and informingly of the work she and her husband have been doing among these people for the past four years. Outstanding in this work is the building of a thirty bed hospital to minister to the bodies of the sick, which has meant much in giving access to the people with the gospel. Another feature is the Little Brown Church which is a movable building constructed on a boat to be transported up and down the river.

Offering—For the Missionary Library Fund and the convention expense an offering amounting to \$61.73 was made.

Work Among the Soldiers—Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of work among the soldiers of the

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

YOUNG PASTOR LEADS CHURCH TO ADOPT EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Though young in the pastorate, Rev. L. C. Hoff, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Clarke College student, found it easy to lead this church to adopt the popular and progressive EV-



ERY FAMILY PLAN. In conversation with the pastor we explained it to the church, and they adopted it. Most churches in Mississippi would do likewise if the above formula were used.

Lincoln County now has subscribers listed as follows: — New Prospect 35, Holly Springs 33, Bogue Chitto

54, Bogue Chitto, R-3 1, Brookhaven 338, Brookhaven R-2 4, Friendship 21, Heuck's Retreat 53, Macedonia 1, Mt. Pleasant 36, Mt. Vernon 1, Pearlhaven 4, Topisaw 1, Bethel 1, Pleasant Grove 33, Montgomery 1, Ruth 32, Little Byhalia 3, Fair River 22, Mt. Moriah 60, New Site 21, Wellman 2, Clear Branch 20, Moak's Creek 27, Gum Grove 48.

The Same Old Story

Again the EVERY FAMILY PLAN proves helpful. In last week's Record was published a list of the 100 churches that gave most to the Co-operative Program during 1941. It is a significant fact that out of these 100 churches 77 of them were EVERY FAMILY churches, including a few that have 50 per cent of their families subscribing for The Baptist Record. Of the first 25 churches mentioned, 18 of them are EVERY FAMILY churches; of the second 25, 16 are EVERY FAMILY churches; of the third 25, 21 are EVERY FAMILY churches, and of the fourth 25, 22 are EVERY FAMILY churches.

The EVERY FAMILY PLAN did not cause these churches to do what they did, but it made it easier for the pastors to lead them into such paths. It is just common sense for us to realize that the more people know about our work, the more likely they are to do something about it.

It is not an accident that out of the 100 best Co-operative Program giving churches in Mississippi, 77 of them have the EVERY FAMILY PLAN, or the 50 per cent plan.

Church Without a Name Adopts EF Plan

Yes, one more Baptist church in Mississippi. Put her on the EVERY FAMILY PLAN. We have not named her yet, but will the second Sunday in April. It is on Horse Shoe Plantation, near Tchula. Mrs. Douglas Jones, Mr. Gaston Grantham, Mrs. B. F. Walker, Mr. G. P. Taylor, Mr. J. D. Self, Route 1, Tchula, Miss.; Preston Dew.

Starkville

Accompanied by Secretary McCall we held our first of a spring series of Pastors' Conferences in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Starkville Pastors' Conference. The grand climax of the meeting was a delightful dinner served at the College Inn. If those brethren enjoyed being with us one-half as much as we enjoyed having

fellowship with them they haven't gotten over it yet. In addition to a goodly number of pastors several deacons were present. There was no set program. The State Secretary and the Editor of the Baptist Record had no set program. We just talked about our work and the brethren talked about theirs.

We got in in time to hear the closing part of a Bible study by Pastor Niles Puckett of Brooksville. If the first part was as good as the last part those brethren are going to know more about their Bibles.

Oktibbeha County now has Record readers listed as follows: Bethesda 1, Longview 36, Mabon 3, Starkville 11, Sturgis 38, Wake Forest 9.

Meridian

Due to conflicting dates some of the pastors around Meridian were not able to attend the Conference, but those who did attend enjoyed a meal that will be long remembered. The meal was served by the ladies of 41st Avenue and Pastor Boyd has promised to send us the recipe of the main dish, which was Spanish Delight, but also proved to be Goodrich Delight.

Lauderdale County now has Record readers listed as follows: Bailey 1, Bethany 35, Collinsville 12, Fellowship 32, Goodwater 14, Kewanee 11, Marion 28, Meehan 4, 8th Avenue 49, 41st Avenue 39, Poplar Springs 4, Southside 43, First 471, Highland 13, 15th Avenue 30, Meridian Misc. 5, Midway 13, Macedonia 1, New Hope 42, Oak Grove 74, Russell 29, Toomsba 25, Union 29, Pine Grove 2, Bonita 2.

Newton

Pastor Morris and Mrs. Major had arranged a delightful meal in the private dining room of the Rainbow Cafe. Nothing was left undone. In addition to several pastors, the Clarke College students who are pastors, were also present. It was a delightful hour of fellowship. All of the pastors present have the EVERY FAMILY PLAN and part of the Clarke College students have it, and others expected to have it soon.

Baptist Record readers in Newton County are now listed as follows: Sulphur Springs 1, Beulah 11, Bethel 10, Chunky 2, Conehatta 1, Cross Roads 3, Decatur 16, Hickory 69, Lawrence 2, Little Rock 1, Newton 171, Stratton 23, Union 146, Zion 1, Midway 2, Good Hope 1, Fellowship 6, Roberts 1, Mt. Vernon 1, Rock Branch 14, Macedonia 1.

Philadelphia

Our conference at Philadelphia was tied in with the Philadelphia Pastors' Conference. We arrived in time to enjoy a part of their planned program. All of it was good, but especially the report from the pastors and deacons present. Brethren L. B. Cobb and J. F. Carter gave helpful Bible studies. The Jordan Cafe served a most appetizing supper. We were also delighted to have as guests three Indian brethren.

Neshoba County now has Baptist Record readers listed as follows: Coldwater 31, Dixon 14, Immanuel 17, McDonald 1, Oak Grove 16, Philadelphia 248, Sardis 22, Spring Creek 29, Neshoba 1, Old Pearl Valley 33, Cedar Hill 1, Salem 12, Linwood 33, Hope 28, Mt. Sinai 15, New Hope 1, Canaan 2.

Grenada

A goodly number of deacons and pastors were present for the conference at Grenada. Dr. Wiley and his good women had made every preparation. A biscuit would be out of style if we could get as good corn bread as those good women served. This was our first opportunity to look over the new church plant there. How they got so much for the money is still a mystery to us.

Grenada County Record readers are now listed as follows: First Grenada 108, Hardy Station 24, Holcomb 20, Providence 17.

BR

Tylertown—We took our collection for missions and for relief in the war torn world at one time to avoid so many collections, and we got \$271 plus, and this was about evenly divided. Yesterday, Easter, we had a capacity house and two great services. I preached a commencement sermon for the colored folks last week and I am to preach the commencement sermon at Ethel next week. Dr. Godbold is to preach in my pulpit next Sunday morning in my absence.—W. R. Cooper, pastor.

25 YEARS AGO

The Okolona W. M. U. reports observance of the March week of prayer with an offering much better than in previous years.

Pastor S. G. Pope resigns at Belzoni to accept the churches at Port Gibson and Hermanville.

Rev. J. A. Lee resigns at Lumberton to accept the call to Yazoo City, where he begins his pastorate May first.

Rev. Zeno Wall assisted Pastor J. P. Williams in a meeting for nine days at Mendenhall. There were twenty-five additions to the church, nine of them coming on the last night.

Mrs. Salome Haywood Solomon, of Coldwater, recently gave \$1,000 to the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis to endow a room in memory of her son. She is a daughter of Rev. H. B. Haywood, for many years now with the Lord, and sister of the lady who made the first contribution to the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson.

The Clarke Memorial quartet, of Newton, Miss., consisting of Brethren Evans, Brigance, Hoffman and Sumrall, came to us (First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.) on the morning of the eleventh of March, and remained ten days. The singing was greatly enjoyed by all who attended these services, and evidently helped to fill our large auditorium at every evening service and at all the services on Sunday.

NOT WITH INK

Certainly we believe in ink, at least those do who have had anything to do with the publishing business. Ink has been one of the mightiest agents for good and evil in the world. Our Bibles are written with ink. All the books of the New Testament were written with ink. But ink has its limitations. So far does it go, and no further. Sometimes it goes no deeper than the eyes.

Paul says to the Corinthians, "Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men, being made manifest that ye are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not in tables of stone, but in tables that are hearts of flesh." It is good to have the truth written in the heart.

We have a number of note books filled with good things Dr. Broadus and other seminary professors told us long years ago. They are carefully stored away on the book shelves. We have never looked at them since examination day. They are as dead as two door nails. But these men implanted some truths in our hearts which will live on forever.

We thought of these a few days ago when we saw men at the Evangelistic Conference "taking notes". We hope they will do good, but if they are to be shoveled out to somebody else or some other congregation as second-hand information, may the Lord have mercy on the victims.

Water is a good thing for many purposes. One of these is to get a boy's face and hands clean. But water is made much more efficacious as a cleansing agent if it is run through a barrel of ashes and comes out in the form of lye and made into soap. If it goes through the ashes it comes out different. So does the truth of God become effective when it passes through human experience. Paul preached "The Gospel of God," but he also preached "My Gospel." Unless the truth is attested by personal experience it will not save the lost nor sanctify the saved.

Maybe that is what John meant when he said: "Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in Him and in you." It does make it a new message when it is true in you. Any maybe that is what Paul meant when he said, "He that prophesieth let him prophesy according to the proportion of his faith." Don't try to cover more ground in your speech than you have covered in your experience. P. I. LIPSEY.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

I

Mississippi Baptists will read with interest the list of the 100 churches leading in designated contributions for 1941.

The list follows:

GROUP I

1. Jackson, 1st	\$ 5,375.28
2. Meridian, 1st.	2,954.78
3. Columbus, 1st.	2,941.40
4. Leland	2,580.65
5. Laurel, 1st.	2,437.07
6. Tupelo, Calvary	2,029.39
7. Greenville, 1st.	1,874.39
8. Jackson, Calvary	1,840.15
9. West Point	1,829.67
10. McComb, 1st.	1,734.26
11. Brookhaven, 1st.	1,672.26
12. Clinton	1,464.86
13. Blue Mountain	1,316.83
14. Vicksburg, 1st.	1,078.95
15. Pontotoc	956.85
16. Gulfport, 1st.	900.26
17. Charleston	883.90
18. Hattiesburg, 1st.	882.77
19. Greenwood, 1st.	812.51
20. Walnut Grove	806.89
21. Moss Point, 1st.	791.54
22. Clarksdale	786.78
23. Tylertown	786.67
24. Kosciusko, First	740.97
25. New Albany	734.00

GROUP II

1. Belzoni	\$ 724.33
2. Meridian, Poplar Springs	705.05
3. Jackson, Parkway	686.31
4. Columbia, 1st.	648.20
5. Louisville	633.90
6. Bay Springs	625.66
7. Crystal Springs	613.85
8. Cleveland	604.00
9. Grenada	599.07
10. Oxford	596.16
11. Canton, 1st.	584.00
12. Starkville	578.37
13. Drew	566.42
14. Jackson, Griffith	552.97
15. Hazlehurst	550.06
16. Yazoo City	513.37
17. Indianola	494.09
18. Tupelo, 1st.	468.12
19. Meridian, 41st. Avenue	464.00
20. Hollandale	461.45
21. Lyon	435.50
22. Philadelphia	435.06
23. Prentiss	421.68
24. Pascagoula, 1st.	417.44
25. Magee	415.70

GROUP III

1. Inverness	\$ 414.35
2. Natchez, 1st.	410.13
3. Laurel, 2nd.	408.52
4. Moorhead	398.00
5. Ripley	380.40
6. Hattiesburg, Main Street	373.09
7. Quitman	373.06
8. Newton	371.34
9. Corinth, 1st.	367.84
10. Tunica	360.95
11. Ruleville	353.13
12. Steen's Creek	333.57
13. Calhoun City	331.91
14. Picayune	321.93
15. Forest	312.53
16. Liberty (Mississippi Asso.)	309.78
17. Houston	308.80

18. Brooksville	304.73
19. Sunflower	302.80
20. Meridian, South Side	302.77
21. Biloxi, 1st.	299.17
22. Utica	298.40
23. Itta Bena	297.06
24. Sherman	296.87
25. Galilee	296.31

GROUP IV

1. Amory	\$ 294.46
2. Sardis	281.51
3. Meridian, 15th Avenue	272.75
4. Aberdeen	271.27
5. Holly Springs	262.70
6. Batesville	261.03
7. Carthage	260.10
8. Meridian, Highland	256.85
9. Marks	253.99
10. Union (Newton Co.)	249.64
11. McComb, Central	246.85
12. Terry	246.08
13. Durant	242.39
14. Richton	242.08
15. Hernando	240.87
16. Poplarville	237.10
17. New Hebron	234.95
18. Water Valley	227.01
19. Booneville	220.49
20. Morton	217.08
21. Byhalia	215.51
22. Coldwater, Central	213.45
23. Ashland	211.05
24. Raymond	204.19
25. Crosby	203.40

II

Some days ago we visited Copiah Association. Pastors, men and women packed the church building. The men joined the others in remaining all day. It was a most spiritual meeting. Good work is being done. Moderator T. W. Green kept things in order despite a crowded program.

At Overt we were glad to witness to an interested congregation.

At Seminary, Perry County, a large congregation asked questions about the Now Club and made a good offering to Cooperative Program causes.

At Union, Perry County, the house was about filled. They have taken their Now Club quota, and are paid up ahead of schedule.

Small wonder Pastor Paul Ball is so happy over the work at these three churches. He and his wife are fine leaders.

III

First Baptist Church, Oxford, had a most interesting week in observing their Centennial—100 years of outstanding service to Christ—sending men and women out to work for Christ at home and around the world.

Dr. F. M. Purser, Pastor, presided at all services. Dr. R. Q. Leavell, Dr. Lipsey, and Dr. Stubblefield (former Pastor) brought messages. We had the privilege of being present for Wednesday evening, speaking on "Love in Action."

In a "Fellowship" hour we saw them cut the cake, and enjoyed some of it.

IV

With Brother Goodrich we have made five of twenty proposed regional pastor's conferences. Brother Goodrich speaks of The Record. We present Evangelism, Contributions, State Missions, Minister Retirement, Now Club, Cooperative Program, etc.

The most largely attended conference was at Starkville. Other good meetings were had at Meridian, Newton, Philadelphia, and Grenada.

V

A financial statement from the Mississippi Baptist Minister Retirement pool shows that at the end of 1941 we had accumulated a reserve of \$15,365.59. This helps answer the question as to the stability and safety of this plan. It has only been in operation for some months, yet a considerable reserve has already accumulated. It is out of this fund that annuitants are paid their benefits.

BR

The Green County Association B. T. U. and Sunday School meeting was at Unity the fifth Sunday of March. E. M. Ball presiding over the Sunday School and Irene Turner over the B. T. U. Eighty-seven were present from various churches in the association.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"DON'T QUARREL"

One of the Christian virtues is to learn how to live without quarreling. A quarrelsome church member certainly does not help the cause. In fact he hurts it. A good rule for every preacher to make is never to be drawn into a quarrel. Sometimes he has to disagree with people. Not infrequently he is required by his conscience to be very plain in his opposition. To do this does not mean, however, that he is to become a quarrelsome person.

It is a mighty good idea for preachers and church members to say their say when they are obliged to oppose something or somebody, then shut up and not discuss it any further. Most acrimonious discussions in churches come about because folks say their say and keep on saying it.

Sometimes it takes a good deal of self-control to keep from quarreling. One grows in grace by tying up his mouth whenever the impulse to quarrel is upon him. If he follows this rule long enough, the day will come when the impulse to say hot things to folks will largely leave him. Whenever we do this we feel that we contribute to the progress of Zion and are a Christian example.

BR

NOTED SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER SPEAKS IN HAZLEHURST

HAZLEHURST, Miss., April 6, 1942—(Special)—A large and enthusiastic audience heard Miss Mary Alice Biby, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., ring out a great challenge to present day youth, at the First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst, Miss. Many boys and girls, and Sunday school workers came to this South Mississippi Intermediate Sunday school rally in Hazlehurst last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Biby, and John A. Farmer, Mississippi Intermediate leader will remain in Copiah county this week in special Sunday school work. An hour's conference has been planned for every Baptist Church in Copiah association. Conferences on practical methods, discussion of problems of youth, and demonstrations of teaching and open worship programs will be featured in meeting each night Monday through Friday at Crystal Springs and Hazlehurst.

All interested Christians are invited and urged to attend.

BR

HOW TO GO TO SAN ANTONIO

The following letter will prove helpful to Mississippi Baptist messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio, Texas, May 16-20. "Dear Brother McCall:

"Thank you very much for your letter concerning trip to San Antonio, Texas.

"The most convenient schedule from Jackson is to leave here on Train No. 3 at 2:55 p. m., arrive New Orleans, 7:10 p. m., leave New Orleans via Southern Pacific 11:00 p. m., arriving San Antonio 2:35 p. m., next day. New Orleans is the only change going this way.

"Those desiring, could go via Shreveport and Dallas, but there would be two changes, namely, Shreveport and Dallas. The schedule via Dallas is also a little longer.

"In event you should need any additional information, I shall be glad to hear from you.

"Very truly yours,

"W. B. BYRNES,

"District Passenger Agent."

BR

Union is to have Dr. Slater A. Murphy of New Orleans and Rev. Harry Beckman of Owensboro, Ky. as preacher and singer for revival services April 29th to May 10th. We are praying for, and confidently expecting a great revival. Most cordial invitation is extended to all people of this section to attend these services. — REPORTER

Brother E. D. Estes is holding revival services at the Riverside Baptist church at Greenville, beginning April 19 through April 31. — E. C. Farr, pastor.

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET 37½% FOR MONEY

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Convention Board it was decided that funds in sight and expected would enable them to call for payment on June first \$121,000.00 in bonds. This will reduce our bonded indebtedness from \$542,000.00 three years ago, to only \$295,000.00 as of June first.

We have figured up the saving in interest on the \$121,000.00 to be called on June first. We find that the interest to be saved from June, first, 1942, until 1951, the last maturity date of the bonds to be called, will be approximately \$45,360.00. This means that for every dollar paid on June first, thirty-seven and one-half cents will be saved in interest.

In other words, every dollar paid June first not only pays one dollar of indebtedness but 37½% interest.

Most people who read this have a larger income now than they did a few months ago. Put some of that increased income into God's work and let it earn 37½% interest.

—BR—

"TO ERR IS HUMAN"

The same is true of printing machines. In last week's article entitled "QED," in paragraph two, it said that the indebtedness of Mississippi Baptists had been \$25,000. It should have read \$525,000. Dropping the figure "5" made a big difference.

—BR—

ANOTHER GOOD W. M. U. CONVENTION

They were there from everywhere. They came from Aberdeen to Agricola, from Campbell to Caesar, from Galepa to Grafton, from Kendrick to Kittrell, from Yocony to Youngs. From large churches, from small churches, from homes of wealth and from homes of want—the Baptist women of Mississippi gathered last week in Meridian for the annual Woman's Missionary Union Convention. They met to hear reports from their leaders and workers at home and abroad. And to listen to inspiring messages from those on the firing lines.

No finer or more consecrated group of Christians ever met than these good WMU women. They plan their work months ahead. They pray about that work. They prepare for their work. They plod the path they have chosen. They accomplish their task and then praise God for what He has done through them.

Mrs. Ned Rice of Charleston presided, and needless to say, she did it in that gracious, genteel, genial, glowing way that is a very part of this consecrated Christian woman.

Miss Fannie Traylor, who for twenty-seven years as Young People's Leader, and then as Executive Secretary, brought a thrilling, inspiring and informing report.

In addition to her well-prepared report of a good year's work, Miss Edwina Robinson, State Young People's Leader, wrote and produced a pageant that a Southwide worker said was the best she had ever seen.

All other workers had reports that should bring a feeling of pride to every Mississippi Baptist.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi is a mighty army that has a program and makes that program effective by planning, prayer, perseverance, information, study, work and consecration.

The Baptist men of Mississippi should not only be proud of them, but should imitate them. They get things done.

—BR—

PRENTISS: Our revival begins here April 26 with Dr. J. Norris Palmer, First Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, doing the preaching. Hon. Paul Farr will be in charge of the music.—W. L. Holcomb.

OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION

There are many good men, both ministers and laymen, either of whom could serve with ability and distinction, if elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its next meeting, which opens in San Antonio, Texas, May 16. President W. W. Hamilton, who will reach the constitutional limit in the position, together with those who have preceded him, has served faithfully and fruitfully.

Personally, we expect to be out and out for one man, and that is the man whom the Convention in democratic procedure may select by majority vote to be its next president. But we feel that it would be a fine thing for a layman to be elected. It has been a long time since a layman occupied the position, and it would greatly stimulate the laymen throughout the South for one of their number to be elected.

Some time since, Editor H. A. Zimmerman of the Arizona Beacon, in a brief editorial expressed our sentiment as follows:

"Editor B. J. Murrie of the Illinois Baptist, in a recent editorial has suggested that it is again time for a layman to be considered as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. We rather like the idea.

"It has been more than thirty years since a layman has been elected president of the Convention, the last one being Joshua Levering, of Baltimore who served in 1909 and 1910. There have been only three other laymen elected since the organization of the Convention.

"Without discounting the ability to serve well of both laymen and preachers, for there are many able men, we think it would add greatly to the interest of laymen in the Convention should the next president come from that group."

We feel that these are wise words and that the suggestions should be followed.—The Baptist and Reflector.

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Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

WHAT SHALL WE PREACH?

Seriously, prayerfully, earnestly have I come to examine myself, and my task as a minister of the Gospel, and my work as an under-shepherd, as we face the crisis hours ahead. It would be much easier for all of us to examine and find fault with our brethren. The Devil preceded his chief modern apostle by several thousand years in his tactics of "divide and conquer." It still works. There needs to be a greater spirit of unity, and less of hypercritical fault-finding.

We preachers, all Christians, in fact, have a dual loyalty, expressed by our Lord when he said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." This dual loyalty is expressed by Paul in Rom. 9:1-5 and 10:1. These loyalties are not antagonistic, but complementary. Niemuller, in a concentration camp, is a better German patriot than Hitler's boot-lickers. Paul was a better Jew than his critics. Our highest loyalty is always to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our greatest patriotic concern is that America be spiritually and morally capable of and ready for victory. If America expects to win the war by mere man-power and armaments, hers is the ultimate fate of all the nations that forget God.

As far as this preacher is concerned, his chief emphasis will continue to be the grace of God in personal salvation through personal faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Christ. Our boys who are drafted into, or volunteer for service need to be "under the blood" before they go into battle. Salva-

tion is by grace through faith, whether in times of war or peace.

Next to that, I intend to major upon two themes: (1) Faith in the wisdom, power, and gracious purposes of God. Hearts are disturbed; men and women are ridden by haunting and unknown fears. A great deal of attention is rightfully being given to building up the morale, both at home and in the service. It is my conviction that we need a more enduring and more securely based morale than that which may be artificially and temporarily produced by bubble-dancers, Sunday movies, and Donald Duck. Rather than an escape from reality, which produces morale about to the same extent as intoxicating liquor produces courage and character, we need to face the eternal reality of an omnipotent God who worketh all things together for good to them that love Him, to them that are the called according to His purpose. We need a stalwart faith for these days, and the pessimistic, discouraged preacher needs a spiritual spinal adjustment . . . or a muzzle.

(2) I am resolved not to use the soft pedal on sin and worldliness. Our people need to be aroused from their spiritual and moral lethargy. The churches are called upon to sponsor days, and hours of prayer for victory, and will be asked to further the sale of defense bonds, and for other services, which we will gladly do. But I know, and every preacher knows, that the most dangerous fifth column in America is liquor joints, trailer brothels, roadside dance halls and such like, that are doing all they can to make our soldiers unfit to fight, and I intend to say so at every opportunity. We need a national conscience upon godlessness and immorality, and I do not intend to pull any punches in seeking to arouse our Christian citizenship to these subversive forces. The first need, however, is personal repentance and reconsecration. We need fewer priests and more prophets in our pulpits.

Finally, I do not intend to join the astrologers and other fortune tellers in reading the future. I leave that to God. (Acts 1:7).

F. V. McFATRIDGE,
Plantersville, Miss.

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DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR FOR MAY

Evangelism.

Cooperative Program.

Now Club Roundup.

B. T. U. Secretary Visits Associations.

Y. W. A. Focus Week, 10-17.

Hospital Day, May, 10.

Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio, 16f.

W. M. U. Annual Meeting, San Antonio, 14f.

Tithes and Offerings According to Scriptures.

Emphasis on R. A. Camp.

Y. W. A. Focus Week, May 10-17.

Study, "The Way of Missionary Education,"

by Miss Mather.

Mother's Day Cash Offering for Orphanage,

Second Sunday.

State B. S. U. Spring Retreat, May 1, 2, Legion

Park, Louisville, Miss.

Ridgecrest Reservations for B. S. U. Week.

Vacation Bible School.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Evangelism.

Cooperative Program Causes.

B. T. U. Secretary Visits Associations.

S. S. Training Course.

S. S. Convention, Brookhaven, 28, 29.

W. M. U. Convention, Meridian, 7-9.

Now Club Emphasis.

Associational Evangelism.

Vacation Bible Schools.

Christian Literature and Church Libraries.

Fellowship Offering.

Tithes and Offerings According to Scriptures.

A chaplain writes that "the erection of the chapels in the army camps is the greatest recognition given to God in the history of our military forces." Another chaplain reports the attendance in his camp so large it requires two services each Sunday morning and another chaplain calls his week-night service "The Chapel Club."—U. S. Baptist.

SAN ANTONIO IS PICTURESQUE CITY

Picturesque San Antonio, one of the leading convention and resort cities of the southwest, looks forward to entertaining the Southern Baptist Convention, May 16th through 20th.

Detailed plans are being executed to make the convention in cosmopolitan San Antonio one of the finest in the long list of outstanding Southern Baptist Conventions.

Climatic and recreational advantages offered by San Antonio make it a favored convention city. A magnificent municipal auditorium in the down-town business district and large assembly rooms in the modern hotels provide for every need while the many first class hotels can comfortably accommodate thousands of delegates. San Antonio has hotels of every size, from the small family type with their air of hominess to palatial hostleries which are small cities within themselves. And for every visitor who prolongs his stay there are apartments, cottages and automobile camps of the most modern type.

All the progressiveness of a thriving metropolis of over three hundred thousand inhabitants has failed to mar the beauty and charm of San Antonio, one of the most cosmopolitan communities in America.

Ancient documents reveal that a settlement existed at the present site of San Antonio as early as 1692. Since that time a rich and colorful history has ordained that this historic city should be the seat of political government for Spanish viceroys and Mexican governors. Today it is the headquarters of the largest military establishment that flies the Stars and Stripes. Besides giant, bustling Fort San Houston, headquarters of the Eighth Corps Area, San Antonio has Camp Stanley, Camp Bullis and Camp Normoyle. As to flying fields, San Antonio is the home of Randolph Field, the West Point of the Air, Kelly Field and Duncan Field, and these fields comprise the largest capital investment in aviation of any place in the world.

Towering structures compose the skyline of modern San Antonio, but within their lengthened shadows lie the picturesque realities of another day and another civilization.

It is a romantic blending of the old and the new, the Latin and the Anglo-Saxon. Preserved in and near the city are the shrines of Texas history, monuments of Spanish rule and Mexican dictatorship, the Alamo, San Fernando Cathedral, missions built by the calloused hands of soft spoken Spanish priests, and the palace in which resided the viceroys of the King of Spain.

Located in the heart of a fruitful valley seven hundred feet above sea level, San Antonio has special claim to the affection of the sun. To fortify the vacation appeal of its climate and naturally beautiful environs, San Antonio has dedicated to the enjoyment of its inhabitants and visitors more than two thousands acres of parks and playgrounds. One of these parks, Breckenridge, is world famous for its Japanese Sunken Garden, its zoological gardens and its innumerable bridle paths, swimming pools, tennis courts, golf links, polo fields, baseball diamonds and picnic facilities. The city is dotted with more than three score parks and plazas of various sizes and attraction.

As a leading resort city, San Antonio naturally provides entertainment of every type. Some of the most modern theatres in the South are located here. On every hand there are cafes, restaurants, unusual eating places that will serve food pleasing to the most exacting taste. Those who are pleasure bent find that life takes on a new meaning in the Sunshine City. San Antonio, an outstanding convention city and one of the most interesting communities in America, looks forward to being host May 16th through 20th to the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Dear Brother Goodrich: My wife was admitted to the King's Daughters Hospital at Greenville last week. On our way down there she reminded me that she wanted her subscription renewed to The Record, so here it comes as per the enclosed check and order."

Crystal Springs Baptists are rejoicing over the installation of a Hammond Electric Organ.

VISITORS POINT OF INTEREST



SAN ANTONIO RIVER—One of San Antonio's greatest charms to the visitor is lovely San Antonio River, flowing through the very heart of the business district of the city. A colorful and unique theatre has been set on the banks of this beautiful river in downtown section with the stage situated on one side of the river and seats for the audience on the other. Plays and concerts are held here. Tropical plants and shrubbery are planted along the river banks and colored lights make a picturesque scene of San Antonio River by night.

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Despite the fact that the Baptist Church here has been without a pastor since January, all departments of the church work has continued in a wonderful way. The Sunday school attendance is holding its own; the Baptist Training Union Department continues to grow. The church is blessed with a large number of young people who are eager to do His will.

During recent Sundays it has been our pleasure to have a number of visiting ministers with us for worship services. Several Sundays ago we were happy to welcome Rev. A. L. Goodrich, a former pastor, "back home."

It is the prayer of each individual member here that the church will soon be directed to a pastor of God's choice.

We are looking forward to having Dr. Luther Holcomb, beloved former pastor, with us for both services on Sunday, April 26.

—HERSHELL GEORGE.

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The following letter from Brother Kern Pratt, Greenville, Mississippi, a leader in the church missions there, is self-explanatory and certainly inspiring:

"Dear Brother McCall:

"I am enclosing a check for \$35.00 given by our Chinese Mission, \$15.00 to Home and Foreign Missions and \$20.00 to China relief. We had hoped for much more but as you know our Chinese are giving all the time to their countrymen over there, and this represents quite an offering. I sincerely hope all is going well with you.

"Your friend,

"KERN PRATT."

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DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION?

Secretary McCall reminds us that enrollment cards for the use of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in San Antonio, Texas, May 16-20, 1942, may be obtained from his office. Just a postal card from each person desiring an enrollment card, or cards, will do the work. The address is,—D. A. McCall, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

BORNE BEYOND THE SHADOWS

The poem below was greatly loved by Mrs. Linnie Lowrey Ray of Blue Mountain, who recently was borne beyond the shadows. She kept it pasted on the fly leaf of her Bible. While sick, with the knowledge that death was soon expected, she requested that after her death copies of this poem be made and presented as her farewell message to each of her brothers and sisters.

"Not dead—no, no! But borne beyond the shadows
Into the full, clear light;
Forever done with mist and cloud and tempest,
Where all is calm and bright.
Not even sleeping—called to glad awakening
In Heaven's endless day;
Not still and moveless—stepped from earth's rough
places
To walk the King's Highway.
Not silent—just passed out of earthly hearing
To sing Heaven's sweet, new song;
Not lonely—dearly loved and dearly loving
Amid the white-robed throng.
But not forgetful—keeping fond remembrance
Of dear ones left awhile;
And looking gladly to the bright reunion
With hand-clasp and with smile.
Oh, no, not dead! but past all fear of dying,
And with all suffering o'er;
Say not that I am dead when Jesus calls me
To live forevermore."

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EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEES WILL MEET

The State Advisory Evangelistic Committee and the 1942 Convention Board (appointed) Evangelistic Committee will meet in Secretary McCall's office on Friday, April 30, at 10:00 a. m. Members of the committee are as follows:

1942 Mississippi Advisory Evangelistic Committee: Pastors H. L. Martin, Senatobia; Judson Chastain, Lexington; A. C. Parker, Petal; A. S. Johnston, Jackson, and James B. Leavell, Leland.

1942 Convention Board (appointed) Evangelistic Committee: Pastors D. T. Cranford, Charleston; W. L. Compere, Belzoni; W. L. Meadows, Quitman; L. W. Ferrell, Jackson; F. B. Bookter, McComb; W. A. Sullivan, Natchez; L. E. Greene, Pascagoula; F. K. Horton, Columbia, and G. O. Parker, Magee; F. M. Purser, Oxford.

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Chapel Hill—Hinds-Warren.
Antioch—Jeff Davis.
Ovett—Jones.
Bethel—Leake.
Green's Creek—Lebanon.
Cato—Rankin.
Macedonia—Lebanon.
Sledge—Riverside.
Glenfield—Union County.
Coffeeville—Yalobusha.

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We are happy to welcome the following holders of Now Club certificates:

No. 3404 for \$36, Boyle in Bolivar (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 692 for \$100, Rosedale in Bolivar (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 26 for \$500, No. 51 for \$1000, No. 52 for \$1000, Crystal Springs in Copiah (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 691 for \$100, Chapel Hill in Hinds-Warren, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2516 for \$36, No. 2515 for \$36, Laurel, Second Avenue (Hightower, field worker).

No. 625 for \$50, No. 592 for \$100, No. 102 for \$250, No. 73 for \$500, No. 74 for \$500, No. 75 for \$500, No. 76 for \$500, Laurel-West in Jones (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2508 for \$36, No. 2509 for \$36, No. 2510 for \$36, Moselle in Jones (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2513 for \$36, No. 2514 for \$36 and \$3, No. 655 for \$100, Ovett in Jones (Hightower, field worker).

No. 91 for \$100 and \$14, Green's Creek in Lebanon (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2511 for \$36, No. 2512 for \$36 and \$6, No. 623 for \$50, Macedonia in Lebanon (Hightower, field worker).

No. 624 for \$50, No. 653 for \$100, No. 654 for \$100, Richton in Perry (Hightower, field worker).

No. 53 for \$1000, Moorhead in Sunflower (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 688 for \$100, Glenfield in Union County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 661 for \$50, Yazoo City in Yazoo County (Mrs. Williams, worker).

No. 2507 for \$36, Center in Attala (Hightower, field worker).

No. 652 for \$100, Unity in Attala, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 621 for \$50, No. 631 for \$100, Lockanookany in Attala (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3435 for \$36, Van Vleet in Chickasaw.

No. 710 for \$100, Quitman in Clarke.

No. 3400 for \$36, Providence in Grenada (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3401 for \$36, Byram in Hinds-Warren (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3397 for \$36, Utica in Hinds-Warren (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3398 for \$36, No. 3399 for \$36, No. 687 for \$100, Antioch in Jeff Davis, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3434 for \$36, Marion in Lauderdale.

No. 622 for \$50, Bethel in Leake (Hightower, field worker).

No. 660 for \$50, No. 686 for \$100, Cato in Rankin (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 689 for \$100, No. 25 for \$500, Sledge in Riverside (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3436 for \$36, No. 3437 for \$36, No. 3438 for \$36, Springfield in Scott.

No. 690 for \$100, No. 3402 for \$36, No. 3403 for \$36 and \$8, Coffeeville in Yalobusha (McLaurin, field worker).

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN OXFORD

From Sunday, March 29, through Sunday, April 5, the First Baptist Church at Oxford, Mississippi, observed its 100th birthday celebration. Organized in 1842, the church at Oxford received much, and has given much, to the advancement of the work of our Lord in the State of Mississippi. It is one of the many churches which has received aid from the Baptist State Convention. It is one of the many churches which has become self-supporting, and which has made contributions to all of our missionary work.

During the celebration, the church had the privilege of having back the two living former pastors, Rev. Edward Stubblefield and Rev. Roland Q. Leavell. It also had the joy of having Dr. P. I. Lipsey, a former member of the church at Oxford, and one who supplied as pastor for three months during 1930. Another former member who came and helped greatly is our own Executive Secretary, Rev. D. A. McCall.

Looking forward to our celebration, a committee on history was appointed seven years ago. A year and a half ago, the church began making plans for this celebration. A large number of committees were appointed and due to the careful and efficient work of the members of these committees, the program was carried through as planned. Every scheduled speaker came and spoke at the appointed time. This is regarded as especially noteworthy in view of the fact that some of these speakers made their engagements months ahead and kept the engagement despite changes in their own work.

Large crowds attended the services throughout the week and the church feels that it has gained much by reviewing the past, remembering faithful and loyal workers of years gone by, looking at the present and planning for the future. An effort was made throughout the entire week to connect the work of the past definitely with the privileges of the present. The members of the church at Oxford, mindful of the crowd of witnesses, take hold of their present work with new courage, with strong faith, and with deep gratitude to God.

The detailed program for the week is given here-with:

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.

10:55 a. m.—Worship Service.

Organ Prelude—Dedicated to Miss Mary Plant and all former organists.
Recognition of long-time members.
Church History. (This History was written by Mrs. Ann Reins Longest.)

6:30 p. m.—Baptist Training Union.

7:30 p. m.—Worship Service.

Recognition of Baptist Training Union.
Sermon—Rev. Roland Q. Leavell.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

10:00 a. m.—Registration—Greetings.

Sermon—Rev. Roland Q. Leavell.

7:30 p. m.—Church History.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 a. m.—Recognition of visitors.

Sermon—Rev. Roland Q. Leavell.

7:30 p. m.—Men's Chorus.

Recognition of fellow ministers and community representatives.

Greetings from the Mayor of Oxford.

What the Church Should Do for Her Men—Dr. J. K. Avent (former deacon of this church.)

Recognition of men.

Church History.

Sermon—Rev. Roland Q. Leavell.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

10:00 a. m.—Informal Greetings to Former Pastors.

"Then"—Reminiscences—Former Pastor, Rev. Edward Stubblefield.

6:30 p. m.—Social hour for young people adults (sixteen years of age and up.)

7:30 p. m.—Church History.

Recognition of full-time religious workers.

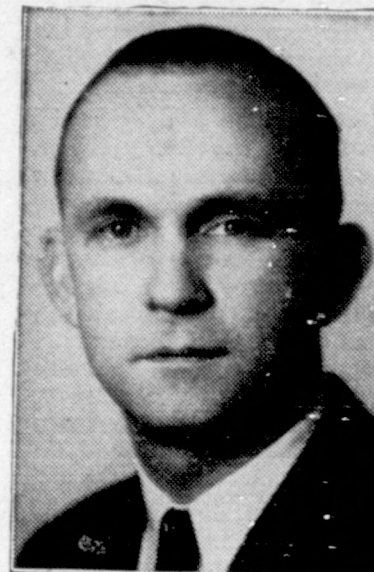
Sermon—Former member, Rev. D. A. McCall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 a. m.—Scripture quotations by members of the congregation.

DR. JOHN E. BARNES BEGINS WEST POINT PASTORATE

Mississippi Baptists are glad to welcome Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at West Point. He is a graduate of Howard College and of the Southern Theological Seminary.



J. E. BARNES, JR.

During his college and seminary days he pastored churches at Birmingham, Ala., Cecilia, Ky., and Quincy, Ind. He has been pastor at Atmore, Ala., since August, 1937. During his Atmore pastorate there have been 457 additions, and all departments of the church have shown a marked increase and finances have tripled.

During 1940-41 he was pastor-advisor to the State Training Union Convention.

Dr. Barnes is the son of a former Mississippi pastor, Rev. John E. Barnes, who was for some years pastor at Ocean Springs.

Dr. Barnes brings an excellent assistant with him in the person of Mrs. Barnes, who was graduated from Howard College and took work in the Seminary.

The third member of the Barnes family is Miss Frances Marilyn Barnes, age three.

Dr. Barnes began his work in West Point April 15th. He succeeds Dr. J. A. Stewart, who recently went to Clarksdale as pastor.

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First Baptist Church - Jackson has had 37 additions in the past 2 Sundays (March 29th and April 5th). 24 of these came on profession of faith and 13 by letter.

Miss Schilling, the efficient Convention Board bookkeeper, reports that receipts for the first ten days of March for the Cooperative Program, designated gifts and the Now Club were \$11,000.00 more than for the same time in April, 1941.

Sermon—Rev. Edward Stubblefield.

7:30 p. m.—Church History.

Recognition of Woman's Missionary Union.

Sermon—Former member, Rev. P. I. Lipsey.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 a. m.—"Conversational Meeting."

Hymns, prayers and scripture quotations Testimonies.

6:30 p. m.—Social hour for young people under sixteen years of age.

7:30 p. m.—Church History.

Recognition of Sunday School—Dr. Christopher Longest.

Dedication of organ.

Sermon—Rev. Edward Stubblefield.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

No services at the church.

Personal work.

Personal spiritual preparation.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.

10:55 a. m.—Worship Service.

In Memoriam.

Church History.

Sermon—Rev. Edward Stubblefield.

6:30 p. m.—Baptist Training Union.

7:30 p. m.—Church History.

Report of Forward-Look Committee.

Sermon—Pastor Frank Moody Purser.

Ordinance of baptism.

Reconsecration and fellowship.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for April 19, 1942
GROWING TENSION WITH FALSE
LEADERS

Luke 11:14-54; 13:31-35

While Jesus in the winter before His death was preaching in Perea east of the Jordan, He complied with His disciples' request that He teach them to pray, and exposed His critics, now refuting the charge that His healing of the dumb demoniac was due to His league with Beelzebub, and now anathematizing the externalism which censured Him for not ceremonially washing His hands at a Pharisee's house, whereupon He incurred His critics' vehement displeasure.

Lesson Text and Outline

Luke 11:37-48, 52-54

I. Tension With Ceremonialists.

37. Now as He spake, a Pharisee asketh Him to dine with him: and He went in, and sat down to meat. 38. And when the Pharisees saw it, he marvelled that He had not first bathed Himself before dinner. 39. And the Lord said unto him, Now ye Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter: but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness. 40. Ye foolish ones, did not he that made the outside make the inside also? 41. But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, all things are clean unto you.

II. Tension with Formalists.

42. But woe unto you Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue, and every herb, and pass over justice and the love of God: but these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. 43. Woe unto you Pharisees! for ye love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces. 44. Woe unto you! for ye are as the tombs which appear not, and the men that walk over them know it not.

III. Tension With Legalists.

45. And one of the lawyers answering saith unto Him, Teacher, in saying this thou reproachest us also. 46. And He said, Woe unto you lawyers also! for ye load men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. 47. Woe unto you! for ye build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48. So ye are witnesses and consent unto the works of your fathers: for they killed them, and ye build their tombs.

IV. Tension With Antagonists.

52. Woe unto you lawyers! for ye took away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

53. And when He was come out from thence, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press upon Him vehemently, and to provoke Him to speak of many things; 54. laying wait for Him, to catch something out of His mouth.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Ceremonialism in Social Life. The host was a Pharisee and evidently a critic of Jesus. The meal was breakfast (or lunch) served "after the return from morning prayers in the synagogues (Matt. 22:4), not the very early meal" (Robertson). The invitation came to Jesus while He was speaking and at once He went in and

reclined for the meal. The Pharisee was amazed that Jesus omitted the ceremonial washing of His hands, for "it was the Jewish custom to dip the hands in water before eating and often between courses for ceremonial purification" (Robertson). He had no doubt bathed earlier in the day and now had no need or time to repeat it or He may have deliberately faced a conflict with ceremonialism. At any rate, He answered the Pharisee with a sharp statement on the clean personality inside as well as outside and the forthgiving of a clean heart through a cleansing life.

2. Formalism in Individual Life. Listen now to the thunder of wrath upon externalism. (1) Woe upon hypocrisy in giving! It may tithe much more than the law requires, including even the medicinal herbs of the garden, but it is utterly vain and valueless if it overlooks the love of God and the good of men. (2) Woe upon hypocrisy in worship! The chief seat may not mean the chief sanctity or service. Salutations in the store or devotions on the street corner may be the sole reward for the formalist who seeks fawning and flattery. (3) Woe upon hypocrisy in character! Many are like unmarked and purposely hidden sepulchers with their contaminating corpses which men unwittingly contact and thus become defiled. Their inward evil is corrupting and ought to be cleansed.

3. Legalism in Civic Life. See the divine lightning strike at the legalism practiced and proclaimed by the experts in Mosaic law. (1) Woe upon legalism in the heavy burdens of life! The doctors of the law actually added to the human burdens so painfully borne without the life they could give with a little finger. The very touch of sympathy was coldly withheld! (2) Woe upon legalism in loyalties to religion! Building monuments to martyred prophets may identify the builders as simply the sons of murderous sides still carrying on their deadly work. What shackles to enslave!

4. Antagonism in Religious Life. Did the experts in the law have charge of the House of Knowledge? They claimed possession and the people assented. But they did not enter and enlighten and enjoy. On the contrary, they kept out others who wished and sought to enter; and, worse still, they locked the door and took away this key of knowledge! No wonder Jesus denounced them! But of course His plain speech enraged them. They huddled together as if to lay in ambush for Him. They tried to trap Him in His talk. They furiously cross-questioned Him. Their hollow hypocrisy was exposed and hate rankled in their hearts. But they hated Him without cause, for His woes were the reverberations of exhausted mercy.

The Lesson of the Lesson
Abhor and Avoid Sham

(1) Sham in Behavior. Jesus denounced sham in ceremonialism as exhibited in pharisaic handwashing before meals, since honest food is better than a clean plate.

(2) Sham in Benevolence. Jesus denounced sham in benevolence as exhibited by herb-tithing, for they performed microscopic duties even to tithing mint and rue from the garden, while they superciliously neglected the weightier matters.

(3) Sham in Ambition. Jesus de-

WHY ARE WE LOSING THIS WAR?

Newspapers say we were not prepared for war when the enemy struck. Daily the radio cries the same thing. People everywhere say, "Just give us time. No one can lick us." These statements are only partially true. I was fed on "America can whip any country single-handed," and "No one would dare attack America," from childhood up. There was a time in my life that I believed such rot; a time when I dared to say myself, "America could whip the world if she had to." A time when stories of our boys dying heroes for our country impressed me deeply.

Once upon a time it meant much to me to hear speeches about religious freedom and the other freedom for which America so valiantly fights, or what we pretend to fight for. Today, I am different. I have lived and suffered as a Christian, and out of my suffering I have seen the hand of God working, weaving the pattern of life. I have seen that God is still on His throne, and know deep within my heart that nothing can happen unless He, our Creator, permits it. People who do not know God, think He has nothing to do with this war. People who only have a passing acquaintance with Him and His ways, think nothing can prevent us winning if we can manufacture plenty of planes, ships and ammunition. People who know God as our Father have a different feeling. We have only to take a peep into history

nounced sham in prominence as shown by the fame-seeking ecclesiastics whose interest in religious matters was measured by the honor they got in performing their duties.

(4) Sham in Appearance. Jesus denounced sham in appearance as exhibited by their tomb-concealing character, for the spirit of pharisaism poses as an angel of purity while in reality it is a putrefying corpse.

(5) Sham in Profession. Jesus denounced sham in sympathy as shown by the professed love of their fellowmen whose burdens they would not lift.

(6) Sham in Patriotism. Jesus denounced sham in patriotism as exhibited in their martyr-honoring customs while actually engaged in making martyrs in their own day.

(7) Sham in Propagation. Jesus denounced sham in instruction, for they were guilty of knowledge-hiding when they should have been expounders of the truth. Had entertaining Pharisee or critical lawyer ever heard such thunderbolts as these which fell from the lips of Jesus? Of course they were bitter toward Him, but they must have felt that He was right in His hatred and exposure of sham.

Gold in the Golden Text

He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. Luke 11:23.

One may not be of our circle and yet be on our side, as John was told when he tried to stop an independent miracle-worker. "The miracles were a more conclusive proof of a divine commission than merely association with the twelve could be." So "the absence of hostility may be sufficient evidence of friendship."

At the same time, under certain circumstances "the neglect of positive co-operation is itself a proof of enmity." So Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me." That is, neutrality in the cause of Christ is impossible.

The two extremes are in harmony since there is no neutral zone. Therefore the one who "is not for is against" and the one who "is not against is for."

to see how God goes before His people and fights their battles. To Zerubbabel, He said, "Not by might nor power, but by My spirit." We are trying to win the war without God. Just because the nation has said a few prayers on special days, we think that should satisfy God. But no, that is not what God wants us to do. Just as He said through Isaiah, He is speaking to us today, "And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood." Isaiah 1:15. We should be ashamed to ask God to help us, as low and degraded as we have become. The only really earnest prayer America is capable of saying today is, "Oh Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner."

I am not disloyal in thought or speech to American ideals. I am deeply loyal to what the Stars and Stripes stand for, but for what I know the country is in reality, I have not one word of praise to offer. I think with shame of our degradation. Again I hear God's words coming to us through Isaiah, that great prophet: "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well, seek judgment, relieve the oppressed; judge the fatherless; plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:16-17.

Our people are in such a hurry we do not realize just what has led us into the war. We blame it on other nations, but other nations did not bring us to this, but our own corruptness. I do not mean to infer that the enemy is right—far from it, but I do say that they have no claim on Christianity, and therefore, could not inflict anything upon God's people that God Himself did not permit. "Come let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah 1:18-20.

Who can say America has not rebelled against God? In the first World War our boys shed their blood for peace. How has America used that religious freedom we talked so much about? We used it to worship gods of money, gods of pleasure, we turned aside after our own ways, and left God out of our business. Instead of going to church on Sunday morning, we slept off Saturday night's spree. Sunday afternoons and evenings we spent in theaters, honkey-tonks, automobiles and bars. God has not forsaken us, but we have forsaken God. But, oh, how merciful God is, how He loves us! How patient He is with us. He is saying to us today, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

Until we change, God will not hear us. When we forsake our wicked ways, God will come to our rescue, and not before. When we cleanse America of the slime which now is its chief composition, God will heal us and give us victory. We can arm with guns and ammunition, but God has ways of turning our arms to naught. We may think we have our plans laid perfectly, but don't forget God has plans, too. Instead of praying for the war to cease, let's pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Let's pray that our people return to God, and to make that prayer be answered, let's cleanse our own hearts and our own homes. When we do this the same God that led the Israelites out of Egypt, that helped the shepherd lad, David, slay the giant Goliath with sling and pebble; the same God that delivered Daniel out of the lions' den, and always delivered His people out of trouble, will deliver us today.

MRS. ROY P. PUGH,
New Albany, Miss

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

JOHN A. FARMER, Associate Secretary

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR



Mr. J. N. Barnette, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct the Administration conference at the Sunday School Convention and will also speak to the entire group.

S. S. Convention

This number of the Baptist Record is featuring the Mississippi Sunday School Convention which meets at Brookhaven, April 28-29. We wish to express to Dr. S. H. Jones, pastor at Brookhaven, and all of his people, our most sincere thanks for their graciousness in permitting our Convention to meet in their fair city this year. During the last five years we have met in five different sections of the state, and have thus given an opportunity for many additional people to attend.

Of course, we want all who can attend from every section of the state. Yet, it is always more convenient for those who live near. Since Southwest Mississippi has so many Baptist churches in both rural and town areas, we are very eager that hundreds of Sunday school people in that great section of the state shall take advantage of this opportunity. We have not spared in giving to our people the very best in the way of program personnel. There will be delightful seasons of song, uplifting hours of inspiration, and challenging periods of practical methods, all combined for the one ultimate objective, namely, to help in every way possible to further the work of the Lord Jesus.

The Convention is not long, only 26

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Mrs. J. Norris Palmer, Beginner Superintendent, First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., will direct the Beginner conference at the Sunday School Convention at Brookhaven.

hours from the opening song to the closing prayer. Therefore, let pastors, superintendents, teachers and others make special plans for attending, and also in arranging conveyance for any of their workers who want to go. We also ask that you join with us in earnest prayer that this Convention may be all that God would have it be. It is planned to help in the greatest of all the work to which we can give ourselves; we hope it may be even that.

Now Ready

The 1942 packages of free Vacation Bible School literature are now ready for use. These will be gladly sent on request. They are up-to-date and contain much helpful information about this vital part of the work. We should begin now making our plans for the Vacation Bible School.

—BR—

Escatawpa—The Sunday School classes moved into the new addition to our church recently. We are very proud of our rooms and thankful to the many who made it possible to build them. Rev. Windham brought us a memorable sermon on Easter morning as well as that evening when we received four new members by letter. At the evening service the quarterly report was read and it was the best one in the history of the church.—Reporter, Mrs. Joe Robinson.

—BR—

After forty-seven years of coaching football, I can say without hesitation that a football player, as well as any boy or girl, would be a fool to drink alcoholic liquor. Why put poison into your system? Give your body a fair break. Also give yourself and your future a fair break. Don't play around with dynamite.

I honestly believe that the main reason why, at 75 years of age, I am able to coach a team and to play tennis and run half a mile when I choose is that I have not impaired my bodily mechanism by drinking alcoholic beverages. — Coach Alonzo Stagg — The Religious Herald.

M. A. DAVIS IN REVIVAL AT PORT ACRES, TEXAS

I was at Port Acres, Texas in a revival March 1-12.

Port Acres is a suburb of Port Arthur, Texas. The population is about three thousand, all white. The men are employed in one of the many great oil refineries located near by, particularly the Gula and Texaco Companies. The elevation is only four feet above sea level.

Rev. R. L. Herring, a former Lincoln County, Miss., boy, is the honored and beloved pastor of the First Church, Port Acres. We found that the church had been active before the meeting. New song books had been purchased, cottage prayer meetings had been held, and there had been conversions.

We left twenty awaiting baptism; two came by letter. The church and visitors gave us a cordial invitation to return for a two weeks' meeting in September. Mrs. Herring and daughter, Dorothy, are fine workers. R. L. Jr., and his young wife, both Clarke College graduates, are a splendid young couple. The writer recommended that they attend Mississippi College this fall.

MONTIE A. DAVIS,
East Moss Point, Miss.

—BR—

MRS. D. S. INGRAM

The home going of Mrs. D. S. Ingram, affectionately known to us as "Aunt Bettie," occurred Sunday evening, March 22, 1942. She was 33 years of age. For nearly three-quarters of a century she had been a Christian, and time will never reveal the good she did. She lived in Laurel, Miss., forty-one years. In 1933 the golden wedding anniversary of this noble couple was celebrated. She was a loyal member of Second Avenue Baptist Church. Her life was spent in helping others. Many ambitious and struggling boys and girls were the recipients of her generosity, which enables them to get their education. Many struggling preachers found her ready to tide them over the hard places in their ministry. Her host of friends will cherish her memory and enter into sympathy with the lonely husband who expects to join her soon in the Glory Land.

Her Pastor,
C. W. THOMPSON

PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS WEEK OF TRAINING FOR ALL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS Beginning The Week of April 27 Through May 1

Beginning Monday evening April 27, at 7:30 p. m., D. A. (Scotchie) McCall teach all officers and teachers, young people and adults of Parkway Baptist Church on "How to Win to Christ," and extensive plans are being made for the largest attendance they have yet had. Superintendent Cecil Lipscomb and Pastor W. A. Bell are stressing "soul-winning" with their workers this year, and they are happy and fortunate to secure the services of Secretary McCall for this special work in soul-winning. He is not a stranger to Parkway and all members will rejoice to hear him again concerning the King's business.

—BR—

Plans are being completed for a Sunday School Training Course at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, April 20-24. The following books will be taught: "The Church Using its Sunday School," taught by Mrs. O. T. Robinson. "When Do Teachers Teach," taught by Mr. John Farmer. "Into All the World," taught by Mrs. J. N. Slaughter. "Teaching Intermediates," taught by Mrs. T. V. Shannon. Every officer and teacher in the Sunday School is urged to set aside this week and make plans to attend these classes.

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THE GOSPEL

By Dr. R. C. Campbell, Columbia, S. C.

The Gospel message was born in the heart of God; is written indelibly in the blood of His Son; is sustained by His matchless love and is kept blazing by His quenchless interest for humanity. Its mission is salvation, liberation, consolation and glorification. Its motivating powers are love, truth, grace, mercy and peace. Its field is the world; its soil is the human heart; its objective is human emancipation from sin's dark domains. It is not circumscribed by national or international boundary lines, racial barriers nor social obstructions. It is applicable to all classes; all times; all climes; all conditions.

The Gospel is sufficient for the darkest night, the most crucial, uncertain day and the horrors of any war. It braves the gravest perils; the ugliest catastrophe; the blackest legions of disaster. It is salvation for the soul; inspiration for the life; security in death. It comforts millions, gives heart and hope to vast multitudes, binds up the wounds on a thousand battlefields, pencils the blackest war clouds with rainbows of hope and snatches victory out of defeat.

The Gospel is the greatest physician for the hospital; the most saving message for the home, the only hope for the church. It is the apostle of good-will; the guardian of the soul; the purifier of life; the conqueror of death; the hope of the resurrection. It is medicine for the sick, bread for the hungry, water for the thirsty, hearing for the deaf, sight for the blind, cleansing for the leper, healing for the wounded, consolation for the troubled and life for the dead. It is hope for youth; strength for the adolescent; joy for the aged; confidence for the dying Christian.

The Gospel cures plagues, eradicates pestilences; mitigates horrors; purifies pits of iniquity; triumphs over chaos; gives plenty for poverty; weal for woe; health for sickness; a flower embroidered universe for a wilderness of sin growing only brambles. It is a home for the homeless; food for the hungry; clothes for the naked; help for the helpless. Its heart-throb warms the earth; its pulse-beat gives hope to humanity. Its message is wafted across the storm-tossed, war-swept, submarine-infested oceans. Its sympathy is boundless; its love unfathomable; its song ageless; its results are eternal. It changes our fading hopes into tapestries of fadeless glory. The nations will all one day kneel at its altar, pay homage to its power and waft its message on wings of goodwill everywhere. Under its banner marches earth's greatest army, with its legions of devotees and battalions of worshipers. Its source is God, the Father; its center is Christ, the Son; its power is the Holy Spirit; its purpose is salvation; its hope is the resurrection; its consummation is heaven.—Baptist Courier.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE—WHAT MY ABSENCE DID

It made some question in the reality of Christianity.

It made some think that I was a pretender.

It made some regard my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of small concern.

It weakened the effect of the church service.

It made it more difficult for the preacher to preach.

It discouraged the brethren, and, therefore, robbed them of a blessing.

It caused others to stay away from church.

It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of the devil.

It gave the devil more power over lost souls.

It encouraged the habit of non-church-going.

—Author Unknown.

(Submitted by R. L. Ray, Jr., Pontotoc, Miss.

BRIDLE THE TONGUE

One of the devil's greatest workers is the human tongue. You may tame wild horses, steers, birds, all kinds of wild animals, different kinds of plants have been tamed. Usually when a person repents and joins the church he will think if he or she can stop cursing. It is all right to say little ugly words just for a little fun, tell smutty jokes, just for a little fun; there's no harm in that. That is just the kind of agent the devil wants. Matt. 12, 36. "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matt. 12, 37, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thou words thou shalt be condemned." St. Mark 7, 15, "There is nothing from without a man that, entering into him, can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man."

I do not know of any one thing, simple

as it seems to be considered, that a great majority of the Baptists enjoy any more than sitting around a store, matching each other for cigars and coca colas, and talking nasty.

If people could tame the tongue, come to God, get all of that evil stuff from their hearts, occupy their heart and minds with clean spiritual thoughts, get the love of God in their hearts, our hearts rather, we would have much better churches and communities, and would have more influence in others to Christ. I find that the greatest difficulty in getting a person to let God save him or her is to get them to believe they are lost.—H. P. McDonald, Lena, Miss.

—BR—

Escatawpa—Just as the sun shed its first rays of light over the horizon on Easter morning we had a lovely Sunrise Service. There was special music and an impressive sermon brought to us by Rev. Jewell Coldman, of Kreole, Miss. Forty persons were present, which was an increase over last year's attendance.

Rev. Clarence Palmer of Muscle Shoals City, Alabama, accepted on the first Sunday in April the call of the Slayden Baptist Church. He is to move on the field after the high school closes where his wife teaches English. Rev. Palmer became pastor of the Okolona Baptist Church, a full time church, in Muscle Shoals City at the beginning of 1940.

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MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PLAN OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

(Continued from last week)

19. Q. Does a minister receive personal credit for the 3% dues that his church pays?

A. No. The 3% paid by the churches and the 2% paid by the State Convention go into a state group fund, or pool, and are not credited to any individual. Funds from this pool, however, are used to supplement the monthly benefits payable to ministers retired under this plan.

20. Q. Can a church pay the 3% dues of its pastor?

A. Certainly, if it so desires. Some are already doing so.

21. Q. Should the church treasurer deduct 3% from the pastor's salary and an additional 3% from current funds, thus sending one check for the dues of both church and pastor?

A. This would simplify matters very much. In most cases it would be an ideal arrangement.

22. Q. Should dues be sent to Baptist Headquarters or to the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas?

A. Dues are to be sent to the Baptist State Headquarters.

23. Q. Should the minister continue the payment of his 3% dues until he is 65, or until he retires?

A. Dues are payable until retirement.

24. Q. What can be done about the church that pays an irregular salary?

A. The church should agree upon a regular salary. Otherwise there will be no basis on which to pay dues.

25. Q. What income does the Ministers Retirement Plan propose to pay to those who are retired on account of total and permanent disability?

A. After having preached for at least five years within the state and having been a member of the plan for at least one year, the income for total and permanent disability range from 30% to 40% of the salary, but not to exceed \$500 per year, except in cases where accumulations of members will provide an annuity greater than \$500 per annum.

26. Q. Can a disability retirement annuity be granted where less than five years of service have been rendered within the bounds of a state?

A. The retirement plan does not contemplate the granting of a disability retirement annuity prior to the date when five years of service have been rendered within the bounds of the state and one year of participation in the state retirement plan.

27. Q. If the member is granted a total and presumably permanent disability annuity and then later recovers, what is his status?

A. Upon recovery from disability, the member's disability annuity would terminate. Upon resuming his ministerial duties thereafter, the members' and churches' contributions would be required. If the recovered member later was granted an age retirement annuity, the period when he was drawing the disability benefits would be counted as a period of service and the disability benefits he has received would be counted as if they had been cash salary.

28. Q. What income does the Ministers Retirement Plan propose to pay to members who retire at 6 or thereafter?

A. (1) During the first twelve years of the operation of the plan, very liberal payments will be granted to those who have met the required conditions, and retire at 6 or thereafter. For instance, the schedule of annuity payable to those who retire during the

years 2 to 5	\$ 600
6th year	800
7th year	1000
8th year	1200
9th year	1400
10th year	1600
11th year	1800
12th year	2000

(but in no case can the annuity be over 50% of average salary)

(2) After the first twelve years of the operation of the plan, the scheduled income to those who have met all the required conditions will be 50% of the average salary received during the

twenty-five years preceding retirement with the proviso, however, that if the member continues in active service beyond age 65 after the inauguration of the pension plan, the salary basis during such continued service shall not operate to reduce the average salary basis upon which the retirement annuity is calculated.

29. Q. Over what period of years is the average salary calculated?

A. Over the 25 years prior to the date on which he is eligible to retire. At least one year's membership is required before retirement is possible. For the pastor joining before he is 65, his years of service will be counted from the time he was 40 to 65. For the man joining after he is 65, his salary will be averaged over the 25-year period ending with his first year's membership in the plan. If he joins when he is 75, he could retire at 76 and his years of service would be counted from 76 back to 51, with his salary averaged over that period.

30. Q. In computing the average salary related to service rendered within a state after the date of inauguration of a state retirement plan, what is the effect if during such period the member received no ministerial salary, or did not participate in the pension plan?

A. In such case the salary basis during such years would be counted as zero salary in arriving at the average salary.

31. Q. What is the rule for calculating the average salary for retirement annuity purposes?

A. Total salaries received that are permissible, subject to the \$4000.00 limitation for any one year, during the last twenty-five years preceding the date of eligibility for a retirement annuity divided by twenty-five gives the average salary as a basis for the amount of a retirement annuity.

32. Q. Can a minister share his pension with his wife?

A. Yes, any retiring member, at his option, may take a reduced retiring annuity and make supplemental provision for his widow and minor children, provided that notice of such option be filed with the Annuity Board at least thirty days before the date of retirement, and there can be no sub-situation thereafter. The amount of the reduction of the member's annuity in order to provide a joint life and survivorship annuity will depend on the ages of the member and his wife.

33. Q. If a minister and his church participate and then the minister moves to another church that has not agreed to participate, will he lose his credits?

A. No, he will not lose credits already built up. But no minister should be satisfied until he persuades his church to participate. This matter could easily be attended to when the call from the new church is being considered.

34. Q. If a member of the Ministers Retirement Plan moves to another state, what is his status?

A. In the event of the transfer of a member to service within the bounds of another State Convention but within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, credit for service within the bounds of any participating State Convention shall be allowed and counted toward completing the last twenty-five years of the active service of such member with retirement annuity credits proportional to such credited years of service. Such member has the privilege of continuing membership through the Retirement Plan of the State Convention to which he may have transferred.

35. Q. Is a pension for ministers scriptural?

A. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (I Cor. 9:14). The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) teaches us that a church or churches, after having received the services of a minister for 30 to 50 years, should not then leave him helpless on the highway of life, but rather should care for him. See also Psalm 71:9, Prov. 6:6-8, I Tim. 5:8.

TO TEACH AT PARKWAY



D. A. McCALL

D. A. (Scotch) McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will teach Officers Teachers of Sunday School, Adults and Young People of Parkway Baptist Church, each evening at 7:30 April 27-May 1 in a Sunday School Evangelistic Training Campaign. His theme will be "How to Win to Christ."

A STUDENT REVIVAL

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

We have just enjoyed a week of revival among student nurses and other workers at Southern Baptist Hospital. "Bill" Marshall, young people's worker in Texas, was with us for a week, and results were gratifying. He preached in the chapel three times each day, so as to give all workers an opportunity to attend services. Confessions and re-dedications were made in the chapel not only; but also in several of the churches later. And a finer spirit seems to prevail.

Unfortunately, two blackouts were ordered during the week; but services continued through the periods of total darkness.

Mrs. Leslie Sands Williams, student religious leader on the campus, must have worked too hard, for she had to have her appendix taken out a few days after the close of the meeting. She is doing well, however.

(By the way, we are accepting applicants for the August class of students. Now is the time to apply.)
New Orleans, La.

DETACHED BAPTISTS

Many people with saved souls are losing their lives! And nothing promotes this condition more than a divorced church membership.

When we approach such Christians they are usually ready to give some old objection, such as:

1. "The old church is weak, and needs me to keep it alive." He made churches to keep you alive, churches were made for men, and not men for churches.

2. "I am not sure how long I will be here." No one is sure how long he will be living. But a church letter is easier to move than a suitcase or a trunk.

3. "My people are all members there." But if you can stand to sever your physical relations with them for material comforts, surely you can afford to break this sentimental tie for your soul's welfare.

4. "My parents are buried there." But this is only a sentiment common to human nature. It would make your blessed dead doubly dead to know that you are robbing yourself of a robust and progressive Christian life for such a sickly sentiment. It is just like Satan to wed you to a well of tears. It is just like God to lead you to streams of Living Water. We must not embrace graves. "Let the dead bury the dead."

5. "I can do just as much good out of the church as I could if I were in it." But, if this is true then Christ made a mistake when He established the church.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL?

Ernest O. Sellers

It is surprising how many people have not made a will. If this has been done you doubtless have remembered all those with reasonable claims upon you but have you remembered your Elder Brother, the Lord Christ?

He is a relative who has done more for you than any one else. He "was rich, yet for your sakes became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." He denied Himself an earthly home, wore a crown of thorns and hung upon a cross that you might sit upon a throne.

The will we make is our last message to the world. We wonder how He will feel as He hears others mentioned and no thought or mention is made of His name when your will is read. Think of being in His presence, where alone we can realize the cost of our redemption, and hearing our last testimony to the world read and no mention made of His name, "which is above every name."

Jesus needs your money. His cause here on earth suffers for lack of it. Millions have never heard that Jesus died for them. In your life you may have felt it necessary to put all of your money into your business; you may have loved it too much to part with it, but you must part with it eventually, why not make good the loss He sustained by your withholding your tithes and offerings? Add a codicil to your will today and change His sorrow to joy—be honest with Him while you live and continue to be honest with Him when you die.

Remember your money is going somewhere. You accumulate it, and none can distribute it so wisely as yourself. This is a responsibility none of us can shirk or share with others. Neglect it and your money may go where it is not needed, perhaps where it may do actual harm.

Provide for all who have any rightful claim upon you but remember that to leave too much to young people may rob them of the incentive of industry and economy—two of life's greatest blessings.

Irreligious people give to orphanages and hospitals. Christian people should give to support and spread the gospel. Timid ones who find it hard to speak for Christ can help to support and train others, thus furnishing a substitute, and the souls he wins to Christ may be stars in his crown.

Have you enjoyed the luxury of giving? Indulge yourself by bequeathing a generous sum to God. We draw dividends on money only while we remain in this world and those who convert cash into character have abundant returns upon their investments.

None of us can imagine our joy in heaven to meet, from time to time, those just arrived from earth with tidings that it was through our bequests they learned of the Saviour and trusting in Him had come to dwell with Him and all the redeemed in heaven. He said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

Whatever you do, do it quickly. "The night cometh when no man can work." Many a large legacy has been lost, many a good intention failed of fulfillment because men have procrastinated. SETTLE THE MATTER TODAY if possible.

There is only one better thing. Give to the Lord what is rightfully His WHILE YOU LIVE. Income taxes and legacy taxes will consume much of your property unless you make your dispositions while you live. If you or your dependents need the income of your money, the Bible Institute will be glad to settle an annuity upon you equal to the interest on the amount invested.

Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Note: We are indebted to the late Dr. Howard W. Pope for the suggestions we have made.

And it is not my duty to defend His mistakes. You are matching your judgment against His.—Exchange.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION CONVENTION

(Continued from Page One)

Home Mission Board, addressed the convention. The discussion of this phase of work was prefaced with a very encouraging report of the present financial condition of the Board. The debt that has handicapped the Board for a number of years has been and is being greatly reduced and the Board is now in better position to greatly enlarge its work. Fortunate indeed is this at this time when it is so much needed in ministering to the spiritual welfare of the soldiers. An earnest appeal was made that we see to it that the quota of Baptist chaplains is supplied. This is difficult because (1) of the high educational requirement made by the government for chaplains and (2) because of the unwillingness of the men themselves to go and of the churches to encourage the men to go. The ministry of the chaplain was greatly magnified and an earnest plea was made that they be not forgotten in the thinking and praying of the people.

Second Day—Morning Session

Preceding the opening of the general assembly, a prayer meeting was held, led by Mrs. L. G. Gates. A goodly number manifested a worshipful spirit in attending this service at this early hour.

The theme of the convention is "Bear Witness of the Light," and the activities of the gathering are to carry out the real meaning of this theme.

Following the singing of "Send the Light," Mrs. Ida M. Stallworth led in a devotional service. Mrs. Stallworth for a number of years was the corresponding secretary of Alabama and upon retirement from that office was elected president of the woman's work in that state. Her message this morning was an emphasis on bearing the light as witnesses of Him.

Recognition of Visitors. The president called upon the returned missionaries, the visitors from other states and the pastors present to stand.

The Foreign Mission Board.—The work of this great agency of Southern Baptists was represented in the convention this morning by Miss Lucy Smith and Dr. H. M. Harris, the former a worker in the office in Richmond and the latter a returned missionary to China.

The Nominating Committee.—The following committee was appointed to nominate the officers to serve next year: District 1, Mrs. J. P. Harrington, Jackson; District 2, Mrs. J. F. Skull, Hollandale; District 3, Mrs. W. E. Lee, Como, chairman; District 4, Mrs. C. E. Patch, Baldwin; District 5, Mrs. J. M. White, West Point; District 6, Mrs. N. A. Edmonds, Shubuta; District 7, Mrs. T. W. Talkington, Sumrall; District 8, Mrs. C. L. Simmons, Columbia.

District Chairmen.—The reports of the district chairmen were with particular reference to the Now Club. The amount contributed in each district was reported by the respective chairman and "Pressing On" was emphasized by Miss Traylor in answer to the difficulties raised by these chairmen.

The address by Secretary McCall at this time was fitting, since an outstanding feature of his work is the promotion of the Now Club. Bro. McCall reported very encouraging progress being made in the payment of the state denomination's debts.

Report of the State Secretaries.—The report of the State Secretaries at this time was given in a scene in the office in Jackson at the time of the morning mail, with the entire office force around a table discussing the problems of the work to which the morning mail gave rise. It proved a very unique way of presenting the reports and a helpful period, as much information was given out in the round table discussion of these problems.

President's Message.—Always a high hour in the proceedings of the convention is the annual message of the president. The subject of Mrs. Rice's address this morning was "Light Bearing Witness." It was emphasized that the Christian is a light bearer. It was also a summing up of the achievements of the past year wrought through bearing witness for Him and an exhortation to more diligent witnessing in the uncertain days ahead.

Miss Mallory.—Always a delight to the women of Mississippi is a visit from Miss Kathleen Mallory, the southwide corresponding secretary. Her address at the close of the session was on "Press On

to Full Growth." It was a timely message stressing the need of growth and means to this end.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

In Memoriam.—A tribute was paid those who have gone from us since the last convention by Miss Mattie Mae Burkett. The congregation stood as a token of respect to these while the memorial paper was being read.

"Every Christian a Light Bearer" was the subject of an inspiring address by Mrs. Roswell E. Owens, a missionary to Palestine. She appeared in Palestinian dress and her address was an interesting account of the work in which she had had a part in this land of the Bible. The things accomplished by her and her husband proves them to be true light bearers.

State Chairmen.—It seemed appropriate on the program to call the chairmen of the different phases of the work "Light House Builders." As such they made their reports.

Mrs. A. L. Goodrich spoke of the things done during the past year in Personal Service; Mrs. W. A. Bell in Mission Study and Mrs. J. H. Street in Stewardship.

The Margaret Fund was discussed by the chairman, Mrs. D. M. Nelson, and the Training School by Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

Miss Young's Address.—The closing message of this session was by Miss Neale C. Young of South Carolina, a returned missionary to Nigeria where she is the W. M. U. Executive Secretary. Her recital of her experiences in this strange, far-away land and of the customs and manners of the people was very interesting and laughable. This was only an introduction to a discussion of the work she had done as a Light Bearer in Africa.

Second Day—Evening Session

This is Young People's Night and the program is in the hands of Miss Edwina Robinson, assisted by Mrs. W. B. Abel, the local chairman of young people's work. The young people having part in the exhibition of the work were from the organizations of the different churches of the host city. These exhibitions were most interesting and impressive and showed not only painstaking, diligent care on the part of the leaders but a response to the labor of these leaders by those under their tutorage. The interest in this outstanding session of the convention was evidenced by the presence of the largest audience by far of any previous session. The large auditorium overflowed into the balcony.

Third Day—Morning and Closing Session

The women of Mississippi GO to their annual convention and their real interest is evidenced by their STAYING quality. On this closing morning they are still here in a large number. Their eager faces and the free use of their notebooks man the good things of the convention will be carried back to those who are not so fortunate as to be here.

The pre-session season of prayer of yesterday led by Mrs. L. G. Gates was repeated this morning. Mrs. Gates' theme was the early disciples Bearing Light as they bore witness to the resurrection.

In the general assembly the Meditation was under the strains of violin music accompanied by the piano under skilled performers.

Mrs. C. B. Thomas, of Hattiesburg, who has directed the music of the convention, led in the singing "Hail to the Brightness" and Mrs. Ida M. Stallworth of Alabama brought another devotional message on "Light Reflectors" based on II Cor. 3:18. It was an earnest setting forth of the Christian's real mission in the world and an appeal to go back from this meeting to reflect the light that is in us.

Orphanage.—The institution in the state very near to the hearts of Mississippi Baptists is our orphanage in Jackson. Bro. W. G. Mize, the superintendent, reinforced his report by the presentation of two of his helpers, viz., Mrs. Brister, matron of the Foster Building and Mrs. Huffman, the dietitian and also three of the smaller children.

Mrs. W. D. Cook of this city presented Miss Ethel McKeithen, who is connected with the Educational Department of the State to educate people relative to the evils of alcohol—what alcohol is and what it is doing for the human race. Miss McKeithen's address was an earnest appeal for the support of this work to which she feels God has called her.

Committees.—(1) Mrs. Earl Goolsby read the report on courtesy in which was expressed the ap-

preciation of the convention to the women of Meridian and Lauderdale County Association for their generous hospitality extended during these days of meeting among them. (2) The committee on registration through Mrs. R. M. Hammill reported an attendance of 596 outside of Meridian; 334 from the host city and 513 young people taking part in the exercises of last night, making a total enrollment of 1145.

(3) Mrs. W. E. Lee for the nominating committee recommended the election of the following officers which was done unanimously: President, Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston; Vice-President, Mrs. John King, Clinton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, Clinton; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst; Trustee for Training School, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson; Trustee for Margaret Fund, Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton.

District Officers

District One, Chairman—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City; Young People's Leader, Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Jackson.

District Two, Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni; Young People's Leader, Mrs. Andrew Alexander, Greenville.

District Three, Chairman, Mrs. Rice Pressgrove, Grenada; Young People's Leader, Mrs. W. W. Gunn, Charleston.

District Four, Chairman, Mrs. F. V. McFatridge, Plantersville; Young People's Leader, Mrs. J. J. McKinstry, Tupelo.

District Five, Chairman, Mrs. H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman; Young People's Leader, Mrs. Lamar Nesbitt, Kosciusko.

District Six, Chairman, Mrs. H. F. Broach, Meridian; Young People's Leader, to be filled.

District Seven, Chairman, Mrs. J. H. Mathews, Gulfport; Young People's Leader, Mrs. H. L. Longest, Gulfport.

District Eight, Chairman, Mrs. I. L. Toler, Gloster; Young People's Leader, Mrs. E. L. Harvey, Liberty.

The First Church, Jackson, was selected as the place of the next meeting.

Another message by Miss Neale C. Young on her work in Africa was very interesting and informing to the convention. So graphically were the scenes of this far-away land depicted, one felt almost as if a visit had been made there.

The closing message of this most successful session of the W. M. U. Convention was brought by Miss Kathleen Mallory on "The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving." It was an urge to sacrificial living as we turn back to the fields of service.

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Mrs. Robert Simmons of the Thirty-Fifth Avenue Church writes of the fine work of Pastor Silas B. Cooper, saying: "An annual budget of \$12,000 was set soon after his arrival and the collections have been considerably above the monthly figure every month. The collections in March are already over \$1,300. More than 120 tithers have been enlisted, 40 additions by baptism and by letter have been welcomed into the church, and a new Hammond organ has been purchased. Each Sunday sees increases in Sunday School and church attendance. A goal of 400 in Sunday School was set for March 29th, and 500 are expected on Easter Sunday. During the coming week we will observe YOUTH WEEK with Rev. John Allen Moore, returned missionary from Yugoslavia bringing the messages each evening and twice on Sundays, the last service being on April 5th."—Alabama Baptist. (Pastor Cooper is a native of Mississippi and was formerly pastor of Calvary Church, Tupelo.)

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THE CHAPLAINCY IN THE ARMY AND NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES
(This Information Supplies by The Committee On Army and Navy Chaplains of The Home Mission Board)

An Appreciation

The concern of our Government for the spiritual welfare of its men in the armed forces is genuine.

This is evident in that the chaplain is relieved of many former non-religious duties and is released to perform his sacred spiritual ministry.

The necessary physical equipment to perform this ministry, from song books to chapels, is furnished. In fact, the War Department takes pride in supplying the need of the new chaplain's Corps as it does the medical and other Corps.

The Government has asked the several religious groups (or denominations) to endorse their respective chaplains. Each denomination is to keep within certain requirements set by the War Department. The quotas are based upon numerical strength agreed upon by the denominations.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1941, in Birmingham, Alabama, the Convention assumed this responsibility, instructing the Home Mission Board to appoint a committee on Army and Navy Chaplains to promote this new work. Southern Baptists with their large numerical strength have a large quota of the chaplaincy.

An Opportunity

The large portion of the manhood of our nation either within or connected with the armed forces, places a large missionary responsibility upon our churches and affords a marvelous soul-winning opportunity for our pastors eligible for the chaplaincy.

Therefore the Committee of the Home Mission Board, on Army and Navy Chaplains has set itself toward two definite goals: First, to supply a sufficient number of well-qualified chaplains to this spiritual ministry; Second, to exalt the preaching position of these chaplains and to enlarge their spiritual ministry by supplying additional help, such as they can use and we may be able to furnish.

At this time there is an urgent need for Southern Baptist chaplains. The armed forces are calling for a spiritual ministry. Every pastor who can qualify should consider it a privilege, an honor and an opportunity to serve.

The Qualifications

The chaplaincy is a special type of ministry, demanding intense activity, exacting the best in any preacher. We seek to endorse only well-qualified men.

Professional:

A candidate must be a citizen of the United States, ordained and actively engaged in the ministry as his principal vocation, with three years practical experience. The Navy does not require previous experience. Ecclesiastical endorsement by his denomination is required.

Educational:

The A.B. and Th.B. degrees or their equivalent from standard schools are required. An applicant holding one or the other of the degrees and who has the equivalent of the missing degree in training, experience and culture, may upon the discretion of the Chief of Chaplains, be appointed under similar conditions. The Navy makes no exception to requirement of degrees.

Physical:

Age requirement for the Army is 24-50. (Applicants 45-50 to be called upon when younger group is exhausted.) The Navy age requirement is 24-44. A strenuous physical examination is mandatory.

Spiritual:

Because of the various responsibilities which may be his it is imperative that the chaplain possess exceptional spiritual qualifications. He must possess pulpit ability, leadership initiative, executive expediency, evangelistic zeal, and a compassionate heart. The call to the chaplaincy is not simply a call to duty nor loyalty in denominational pride; neither is it an answer to patriotism, as noble

as these are, but rather the preacher is to respond under the urge and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The War Department calls for only those preachers meeting these requirements and the Chaplains Committee of the Home Mission Board endorses only those whom it understands to be spiritually, temperamentally and otherwise suited.

It is not a reflection on a pastor's character, ability or religious standing, should he not be denominationally endorsed by the Committee or accepted by the War Department. Success elsewhere in the ministry does not assure acceptability for the chaplaincy.

The Duties

The Chaplain is assigned to a certain unit and is constantly with his men, as is the pastor with his church. He shares their life, whatever or wherever it is. His duties are as difficult to define as that of the pastor. A few will suffice here.

He conducts public worship, preaching services, Bible classes, lectures and special denominational meetings. His ministry includes personal counsel, prayer with the sick and wounded, or any service for the individual or general welfare of his men.

The fine art of co-operation, not only with superior officers, but with chaplains of other faiths, prompt and accurate attention to matters of detail, punctuality in appointments, promotion of an aggressive well-rounded religious program within his unit, are necessary in performing the duties of a chaplain.

The chaplain's responsibility is to all men in his unit, regardless of rank, of any faith or no faith. He may conduct services for special groups or for his own denomination where need exists and opportunity permits.

He has absolute freedom to preach the Bible truths as he understands them and it is his duty to do so. Public and private utterances must be seasoned with respect for men of other faiths whose convictions may differ from the chaplain's.

More specific and detailed duties of the chaplain may be secured for the Army from the Chief of Chaplains, War Department, Washington, D. C.; and for the Navy from the Chaplain's Division, Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.; or by consulting the recent book by Chaplain Alva J. Brasted, Service to Service Men, available at our book stores.

General Information—Rank and Salary

The chaplain is commissioned in the Army of the United States with the rank of First Lieutenant and in the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade). The commission is for the duration of the emergency and six months thereafter. The salary is on par with that of other officers of the same rank. It is approximately \$3,000 per year, contingent upon certain allowances.

Preparatory Training

Upon oath of office, the chaplain agrees to take such courses as authorized by the War Department. The introductory courses are usually finished before assignment to duty. After assignment to duty the usual procedure is to place the new chaplain under an experienced chaplain. Chaplain schools are operated both for Army and Navy. Under present conditions their capacity is taxed to meet the rapidly expanding Chaplain Corps. The courses here vary from one to three months, depending upon the phase of service the chaplain chooses.

The Family

In many places quarters are provided. Usually a town or city is contiguous to the unit. Under war conditions it is generally impossible for the chaplain to keep his family close to his assignment with any degree of satisfaction, as he is subject to move on short notice. Financial provision for family subsistence is provided wherever they are located.

Denominational Contact

Southern Baptists give denominational endorsement to their chaplains through

the Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains of the Home Mission Board. The chaplain is considered a Baptist representative within the armed forces. He is requested to attend denominational meetings when possible. He should co-operate with and keep in touch with the above Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains. He is required to keep in good standing with the church wherein he holds membership. He is expected to remain true to his ordination oaths, Baptist principles and policy.

Returning To The Pastorate

The chaplain is in the same situation as many others offering their services as volunteers. Experiences and blessings gained within the armed forces qualify the pastor for increased responsibility, enlarged fields and richer ministry.

Experience teaches us, following other wars, chaplains find little difficulty in returning to the pastorate. Many of our Baptist leaders of today have served as chaplains in previous wars. If the Lord leads from the pastorate to the chaplaincy surely He will lead in the return.

Application Procedure

1. Be assured the Holy Spirit is definitely leading. Decide whether you choose Army or Navy.
2. Write the Army and Navy Chaplains, Home-Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Georgia, for further instructions and application blank for denominational endorsement.
3. Do not forward application unless requirements of ordination, experience, age, and education are met. Follow directions in detail, be specific. Make your application say what you mean.
4. If you choose the Army write your Corps Area Chaplain or if you choose the Navy write the Commandant of your respective Naval District requesting necessary blank forms for physical examination and other instructions.
5. Be patient. It takes weeks and sometimes months to process an application. If applicant is recommended for appointment additional time will be necessary to prepare for active duty.
6. You may be assured that your application will receive as speedy attention as efficiency will justify and sympathetic consideration by the Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains of the Home Mission Board and the War Department.

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WANTED: The names of Sunday school superintendents who have served for twenty years or more.—The Baptist Record.

NEW OFFICERS



Blue Mountain, Miss., April 10—Ellen Edens, Sumter, South Carolina, left, newly elected Baptist Student Union president of Blue Mountain College, and Peggy Chastain, Lexington, newly elected president of the Student Government Council for next year.

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Reports from the Jupiter Church, Braxton, show sustained interest in all phases of the work. Attendance at Sunday School and at the prayer services are above the average. The church has adopted the pastor's retirement fund plan, according to the treasurer, L. C. Waltman. Reports like this indicate a healthy condition in churches where they are city or rural groups.

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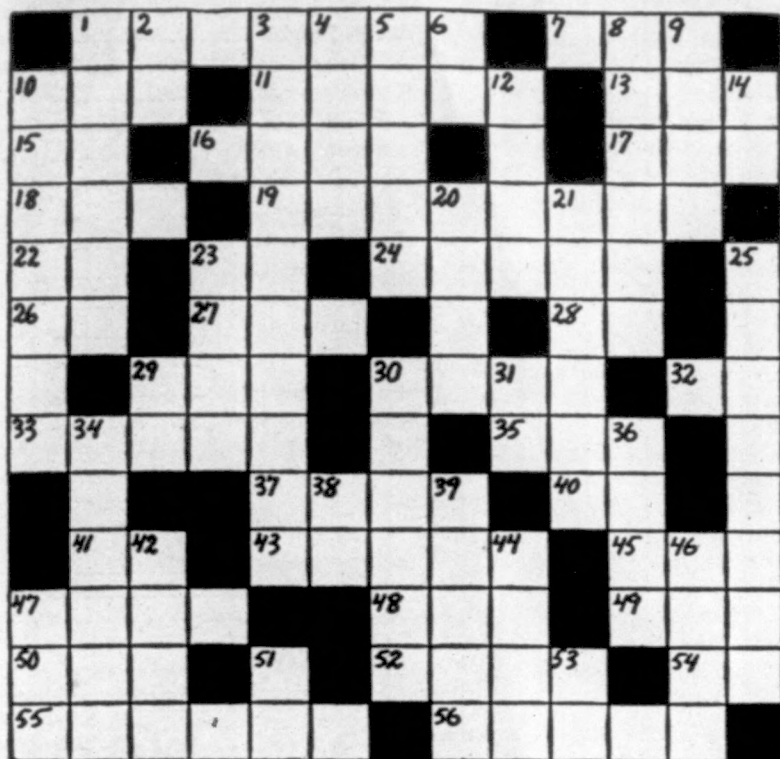
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1. "... are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake," Matt. 5:10.
 7. "they ... cruel, and have no mercy," Jer. 6:23.
 10. Cow's call.
 11. "and digged a wine press in it, and built a ..." Matt. 21:33.
 13. First woman.
 15. "the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet ... Jerusalem," John 4:21.
 16. "Hallowed by thy ..." Matt. 6:9.
 17. "and a serpent ... him," Amos 5:19.
 18. "Then ... lord of that servant was moved with compassion," Matt. 18:27.
 19. "saying, God be ... to me a sinner," Luke 18:13.
 22. Tellurium.
 23. Afternoon.
 24. "Wherefore look ye so ... to day," Gen. 40:7.
 26. Ancestor of Jesus, Luke 3:28.
 27. Over (cont.)
 28. "... your Father also is merciful," Luke 6:36.
 29. "... his mercy endureth forever," Ps. 136:1.
 30. "through your mercy ... also may obtain mercy," Rom. 11:31.
 32. Newspaper item.
 33. "to sharpen every man his ..." I Sam. 13:20.
 35. Democrat.
 37. "as swift as the ... upon the mountains," I Chron. 12:8.
 40. "whosoever shall ... the will of my Father which is in heaven," Matt. 12:50.
 41. South Dakota.
 43. "my faithfulness and my mercy ... be with him," Ps. 89:24.
 45. "bringing gold, and silver, ivory and ... s, and peacocks," II Chron. 9:21.
 47. "I say not unto ... Until seven times, but until seventy times seven," Matt. 18:22.
 48. A king of Hamath in the days of David, II Sam. 8:9.
 49. "how oft shall my brother ... against me, and I forgive him," Matt. 18:21.
 50. Center-piece of a wheel.
 52. "hath received him ... and sound," Luke 15:27.
 54. Size of shot.
 55. "that we may ... mercy," Heb. 4:16.
 56. "I will have ... and not sacrifice," Matt. 9:13.
- Our text is 1, 7, 18, 19, 29, 30, 43, 55 and 56 combined.

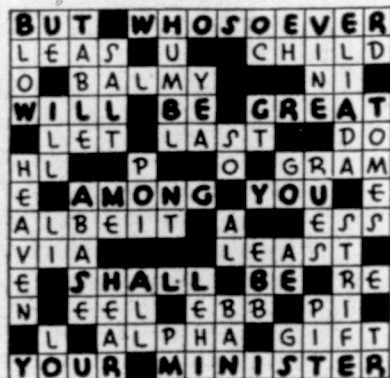
VERTICAL

1. Trouble.
2. "and ... I am with you alway," Matt. 28:20.
3. "the tongue of the ... shall be ready

to speak plainly," Isa. 32:4.

4. "But there are ... of you that believe not," John 6:64.
5. Pitchers.
6. Of (Fr.)
8. Buys again.
9. "deliver us from ..." Matt. 6:13.
10. "omitted the weightier ... of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith," Matt. 23:23.
12. Foray.
14. And (Lat.)
20. Coin.
21. "sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites ... them," II Chron. 35:11.
23. "sell that thou hast, and give to the ..." Matt. 19:21.
25. "keep mercy and ..." Hosea 12:6.
29. Fourth note in scale.
30. Entertains.
31. "called the altar ..." Josh. 22:34.
34. Father of Shemaiah, Neb. 11:15.
36. Recently extinct birds of New Zealand.
38. Exclamation of surprise.
39. Layer of earth between coal seams.
42. "I forgave thee all that ... because thou desiredst me," Matt. 18:32.
44. "and giveth ... unto the world," John 6:33.
46. "even as I had ... on thee," Matt. 18:33.
47. Shortened form of though.
51. Japanese measure of distance.
53. Same as 26 across.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



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Recent visitors to the Baptist Record office included the following:

Dr. Theo Whitfield, Pocahontas; Dr. J. W. Goyer, Hattiesburg; A. A. Kitchings, Clinton; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; Fred Langley, Clinton; Rev. L. C. Hoff, Newton; Rev. Guy Little, Pinola; Owen Cooper, Jackson; Dr. E. O. Sellers, New Orleans; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; W. G. Mize, Jackson; Rev. B. H. Benton, Taylorsville; Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton; Rev. O. C. Chance, Harrisville.



What is the "field of blood"? It is the field purchased by Judas, near Jerusalem, with the money he received for betraying Christ. The Jews so named it "field of blood" because of Judas' crime, when he hanged himself on the property he bought.

Can you describe the use of "cloak" in Biblical times? The cloak was the outer garment or robe as worn by day as a mantle over the clothing, and at night as a sleeping garment. It was not lawful to take a neighbor's cloak as a pledge after sunset. See Exodus 22:26.

What is the meaning of the word "amen"? It means 'true, or an assent.' It is a very old word, used in Hebrew and Greek worship, after a statement, to signify 'made true,' 'confirmed,' 'established,' and after a prayer, to signify 'let it be so.'

What is the meaning of the word "Mizpah"? The word is from the Hebrew, and literally means 'watch-tower.' It is generally interpreted as an equivalent of the following lines: "The Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another." Genesis 31:41.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clinton Reeves of Summit, Mississippi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Almata, of Charlotte, North Carolina, to the Rev. George Alexander Nichols of Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Reeves received her college degree from Belhaven College where she was a member of the Chi Delta Sorority. After teaching music in the public schools of Waynesboro, Miss., she went to Fort Worth, Texas, where she completed her master's degree in Religious Education in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She was a field worker of the Baptist Training Union Department in Mississippi for five years. At the present time she is Educational Director in the St. John's Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Rev. Nichols, a native of Georgia, attended Stetson University of Deland, Florida and graduated from Howard-Payne College of Brownwood, Texas. He is now a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and pastor of Trenton Baptist Church, Trenton, Texas. The wedding will take place Sunday morning, April 19th at 8:30 o'clock in the garden of the bride's parents home five miles northeast of Summit.

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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased God, in His Wisdom, to call from earthly life, our dear friend and co-worker, Mrs. N. G. Harris, therefore, be it resolved:

First, that the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Aberdeen, Miss., has lost a most faithful member. Always modest and unassuming, yet deeply consecrated, zealous in every good work, generous and charitable toward all, her beautiful life among us has endeared her to each one of us, and her influence for good has been felt in our city and community.

Second, that even as we sorrow, because of her passing, we thank God for her usefulness, her zeal, and devotion to her home, her friends and her Lord.

Third, that we express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, commending them to the Father, Who has promised to comfort the sorrowing.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be given to the family, a copy spread upon the minutes of our organization, and a copy sent to both our local paper and the Baptist Record for publication.

MISS VIRGIE SMITH
MRS. P. A. DULIN
MRS. ULIS MILLER
Committee

OFFERS \$10 FOR NEW HYMNS

The Hymn Society of America, a national organization of hymn writers and composers, announces through its executive secretary, Reginald L. McAll, the offering of a total of \$150 in prizes for the best new hymn texts in three categories. Fifty dollars is offered for the best text in each of the following groups: a hymn of Christian faith in a time of stress; a hymn reaffirming the worldwide mission of Christianity; a hymn of personal Christian dedication.

The Society will name judges to pass upon hymns submitted. Announcement will be made of the winners at a meeting of the Society in October, celebrating the twentieth anniversary of its founding. The winning hymns will become the property of the Hymn Society of America, to be copyrighted, and made available to the press, hymn book editors and publishers, etc.

The following rules have been adopted by the Hymn Society of America governing the contest:

1. Authors may themselves submit hymns; or persons seeing a hymn in print or in manuscript may "nominate" it—giving due credit to the author. A "nominated" hymn can win a \$50 prize only if the author agrees that it shall become the property of the Hymn Society of America if selected as best in its category.

2. Hymns that have been printed in newspapers or magazines may be submitted; but not any that have previously been printed in hymn books for public use.

3. All manuscripts must be in the hands of the Hymn Society of America by October 1, 1942. Send them to Hymn Contest Committee, Hymn Society of America, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

4. Manuscripts will not be returned; nor will the Hymn Society of America nor any of its officers or committees enter into correspondence concerning them. Authors should, therefore, keep copies of all hymns submitted.

5. The Society may, at its discretion, refuse to name a "best hymn" in any of these categories.

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FIFTEEN GIRLS—THREE FAMILIES—MEMBERS OF ONE CHURCH



This picture may be rather unique in that there are three families represented by five each—all the girls in each family—and the present pastor has baptized all of them into the fellowship of the Utica Baptist Church. The group on the left, arranged two, two and one are Elsie Marie, Helen Elise, Rachel, Sybil and Marjorie Stubbs; in the center, Elizabeth, Becky, Katherine, Rachel and Martha Williams; and on the right, Grace, Doris, Marjorie, Jane and Celeste Foster. Of course the pastor would want to be in the center of such a group.—Owen Williams, Utica, Miss.

CHINESE YOUTH WON BY EL PASO WORKERS AFTER MUCH ENTREATY

By Viola Campbell
Missionary to the Chinese

It is with deep joy and gratitude to God for answered prayer that Miss Mary Etheridge and I can report the conversion of two of our young Chinese men. One of them is Tom Woo, who teaches Chinese in our language school; the other is Alfred Lee, a soldier stationed at Fort Bliss.

We had felt that Mr. Woo was definitely interested—his attitude, his interest in the services at the First Baptist Church and his faithfulness to the services here at the Mission all led us to believe that he was deeply concerned.

We were not sure, however, as to how much he understood. We both talked with him at different times, read and marked Scripture passages, explained their meaning and the meaning of salvation. He memorized John 3:16 and quoted it explaining what it meant. We are satisfied that his conversion is genuine.

He has now made public his faith in Christ by uniting with the First Baptist Church.

For some time Alfred Lee has been on the verge of making a confession of his belief in Christ, and when we realized that he was in the service on a recent Sunday night we prayed that this might be the time.

He had been attending services elsewhere somewhat regularly of late, but we were convinced that the Lord had led him into the First Church that he might be saved at that hour. With a little encouragement he came down the aisle accepting Christ as his personal Saviour.

Although a private in the Army, Alfred holds quite a responsible position at the Post Headquarters, and is a fine, dependable, capable young fellow. He has been instrumental in bringing many of the Chinese soldiers to the Sunday services at the Mission.

This step which he has taken is going to be harder for him, perhaps, than for Mr. Woo, for his life in the Army is harder and filled with greater and more subtle temptations. We have given him tracts to read and study, and are going to follow up both his and Mr. Woo's conversions with explanations of church membership and instruction in the growth of the Christian life before either of them is baptized.—Southern Baptist Home Missions.

A CALL TO HARD PLACES

Recently I was in the home of the pastor of a First Church. I found this man and his family to have the culture requisite to a ministry among First Church people, but to my surprise I found something else, too.

After a few days he began to talk with me about the rural church problems. He saw in the decline of the country church a serious threat to our denominational and spiritual life. He insisted that efforts must be intensified to build up the religious forces in the countryside. I wondered if the interest of this First Church pastor was more than academic, so I asked a question.

"If a country church should call you to be pastor, would you resign your work here to accept it?"

"I think I would," he said. "I've been thinking about it a great deal lately, and I've about decided that I would do it. Before entering the ministry I taught school for a number of years in the country, and I've been thinking of returning to college for special courses in rural sociology as further preparation for a rural ministry."

"But how would you support your family?" I asked to further check his interest. "You would have to strike out unsupported. You would have to make a great sacrifice. Would you still be willing to accept the call of a country church, depending on the church alone for support?"

"And what assurance do you have," I continued, "that country people would respond to your leadership. Simple people, you know, have simple suspicions, and it is easy for the unlearned to balk when the learned come down to teach them. Moreover, in small communities, where everyone knows everyone else, the intimacy of acquaintance seems to militate against long pastorates. There is a rural psychology which makes country churches come dissatisfied with pastors. Would you be willing to move every year? Would you be willing to endure the bickering and strife of small congregations, resulting from this rural psychology, which often in the pastor finds the object for its discontent?"

He admitted all of these difficulties, but still quietly affirmed his readiness to give up his First Church pastorate to launch a one-man, unsupported ministry of love in the country.—Joe W. Burton.

JONESTOWN REGRETS RESIGNATION OF DR. SMITH

Whereas, Dr. B. Frank Smith, pastor of the Jonestown Baptist Church for over 3 years, and

Whereas, he has resigned his position as pastor to go to Durant, Miss.;

Be it resolved:

That we, the members of Jonestown Baptist Church, speaking both for our community and ourselves, express our appreciation for his Christian leadership and brotherly fellowship during his "sojourn" in our midst;

That we express to him our thanks and grateful appreciation for his efforts to build the kingdom of God in our midst;

That we pray God's richest blessing to be on him, his wife, and daughter in his new field.

JONESTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Jonestown, Miss.,
March 29, 1942.

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RECENT VISITORS TO THE BAPTIST RECORD OFFICE

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following:

Rev. Judson Chastain, Lexington; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; Henry Love, Jackson; Rev. J. D. Deaton, Jackson; Mrs. L. M. Lott, Jackson; Rev. J. B. Crimbley, Coffeeville; Rev. J. H. Sherman, Cascilla; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. B. Frank Smith, Durant; Rev. O. C. Chance, Harrisville; Rev. B. E. Craft, Hattiesburg; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Crystal Springs; Rev. B. L. McKee, Gallman; Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond.

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Salem (Walthall)	108	65
Wallerville	92	41
Bethlehem (Laurel)	67	83
Bethlehem (Choctaw)	12	
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	108	
Enon (Panola)	75	73
Louisville (First)	300	79
Parkway Jackson	503	270
Jackson Griffith	758	353
Montevista	83	37
Bowmar Avenue	98	
Jackson First	1043	333
Jackson Calvary	1142	262
Springfield (Morton)	72	45
Olive Branch	104	44
Eudora	79	57
Hazlehurst	237	
Crystal Springs	424	125
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MISSIONARIES REPORT BETTER CONDITIONS

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these first reports were unfounded. The sum total understood from this that these folks are together in Hongkong. I had already cabled "Canton Missionaries all right." This was sent on the basis of news through Chinese from Canton who said all foreigners and Christians were taken to Shameen Island, finger-printed and permitted to return to their usual duties and residences—with certain restrictions.

"I learn that Wilson Fielder was caught in Shanghai. We have had no word from Shanghai except that all American and British Property there has been taken over.

"I am trying to arrange to get the 14 missionaries together this summer. Have asked for a straw vote. I think we should push right ahead with a worthy program—especially evangelistic. I think every available Chinese evangelist should be engaged to help in this campaign and adequately paid and otherwise supported. The 14 missionaries are Margie Shumate, Dr. Wallace, Rex Ray, Beddoes, Bausums, Cauthens, Miss Stallings, Saunderses, Miss Sandlin and Miss Pettigrew."

Excerpts From Committee On East Asia Reports:

"Shanghai Missionaries: Mr. George A. Fitch, Chungking, has notified Miss Ruth Farrior of Agnes Scott College over Station XGOY through Ventura as follows: 'Letter received from your mother in Shanghai says she is living comfortably in American School and busy with refugees. Father in Chinkiang, well and kindly treated. (Signed) George A. Fitch.' (Note: Mr. Farrior returned to China on the boat with H. H. McMillan. Since he reached Chinkiang, we feel that Mr. McMillan may have reached Soochow.)

"Dr. John C. Dekorne of the Christian Reformed Board reports the following telegram from Sumner Welles, Washington: 'Department has received telegram dated March tenth from the American Legation, Berne, Switzerland, transmitting a report from the Swiss Charge D'Affaires, Shanghai, China, which states that according to Doctor Lee Huizenga everyone is in good health, hospitals are still functioning and the building funds have been oversubscribed.'"

"The China Inland Mission has received through Berne and Washington the following message: 'Missionaries at Chefoo are in good health, safe, living in their own residences and have no immediate wants. Schools at Chefoo are continuing about as usual. Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwin V. Andrews are at Tsingtao (Miss) Brittain (Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Preedy) are thought to be interned at Manila while at Hongkong Mrs. (W. Y.) King of Toronto is believed to be interned. Shanghai reports that missionaries at Nanking, Tsingtao and Yangchow are safe, in good health, have no immediate wants and are living in their own residences.' A note states: 'Mrs. W. Y. King mentioned in the telegram arrived in Los Angeles on February 18th after a roundabout journey from China via Australia!'"

"News of Baptist Missionaries: Dr. Decker reports the following from Kinshwa on March 19th: 'Missionaries including University (Shanghai) group busy. Inform Maddry (So. Baptist). Convention (Chekiang-Shanghai Baptist Convention) Requests double 1941 total. Taylor (W. Robert, AMT representative, formerly reported ill) working. Blood (count) best since 1939. Jones (Miss Mary I.) Medicine sufficient (sgd) Daves (J. P.) Bau (Dr. T. C.) Exec. Secy. Convention (above).'"

"Missionaries in Stanley Concentration Camp: The Seventh-Day Adventist Board reports: 'From Chungking a message was received on March 20, indicating that while our missionaries in Hongkong are in the Stanley Concentration Camp, they are well. C. E. Winter who was teaching science is doing 'medical work'. Dr. and Mrs. D. Coffin and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Anderson continue their work at Canton Sanitarium which is 'still operating.' Dr. C. L. Dale is carrying forward the medical work at the Shanghai Clinic. Mr. and Mrs. John Oss are at our mission compound in Yu Yuen, Shanghai."

"Missioners in Manchukuo: A recent letter to Rev. Thomas V. Kierman of Maryknoll from the office of the Provost Marshall General advised that their missionaries in Manchukuo have been interned in the Center House in the city of Fushun. This building is believed to be quite adequate, and the news is welcome relief.

PROGRAM—MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

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12:00—Final Adjournment

Program Personalities

Allen, Mr. Andrew, Southwide Elementary Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

Barnette, Mr. J. N., Southwide Administration Worker, Nashville, Tenn.

Caver, Miss Mary Ellen, Southwide Approved Worker, Birmingham, Ala.

Farmer, Mr. John A., Associate State Sunday School Secretary, Jackson, Miss.

Goodrich, Rev. A. L., Editor, Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.

Grey, Dr. J. D., Pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

Haworth, Dr. D. Swan, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Miss.

Holcomb, Dr. T. L., Executive Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Jones, Mrs. O. M., Manager, Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

Kyzar, Rev. W. W., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Meadville, Miss.

Linthicum, Miss Blanche, Southwide Elementary Worker, Nashville, Tenn.

Lofton, Mr. W. D., Business Man, Brookhaven, Miss.

Macdonnel, Mrs. Lee, Southwide Approved Worker, Jacksonville, Florida.

McCall, Rev. D. A., State Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Jackson, Miss.

Murrel, Mrs. E. O., Sunday School Worker, McComb, Miss.

Palmer, Mrs. J. Norris, Elementary Worker, Baton Rouge, La.

Pardue, Rev. A. E., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Magnolia, Miss.

Street, Mrs. J. H., Sunday School Worker, Hazelhurst, Miss.

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FORWARD IN B. S. U.

In order to interpret the work of the B. S. U. to the students of Blue Mountain College, student chapel was recently dedicated to the B. S. U. Council. After the singing of the inspiring words of "Spirit of B. S. U." the president, Miss Jessie Davis, gave an opportunity for the students to ask questions. The students wanted information concerning the different departments of the work. Some of the questions answered by the Council were: Who is a member of the B. S. U.? How is the B. S. U. financed? What is its purpose? What happens at Council meetings?

At the close of the program, thirty of the individual organization leaders were invited to participate in the Council activities by attending the first Council meeting of every month.

The aim of this enlarged program is to bring a closer coordination between the Council and the executive officers of the individual organizations. The first meeting was a great success. At the close of it, the president challenged each on to a rededication to the task of winning the lost to Christ. Following this inspiring message, an opportunity was given for a general discussion of various problems. It is believed that this unified effort will strengthen the religious work on the campus.—Ruth Garcia, B. S. U. Reporter, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.

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At the W. M. U. State Meeting in Richmond last week, Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, made the following statement that we would like to pass on to you: "We in America are indignant because Russia has closed her churches but what about our EMPTY churches? Do our empty churches in America grieve our Lord any less than a closed church in Russia? Dot Nelson in Vinton Baptist Bulletin.

Touching the Bases

By Fred R. Langley, Director
Soldiers Service and Defense Projects

HATTIESBURG: Easter services revealed a large number of soldiers in the churches. When the First Baptist Church here extended the invitation for church membership, one soldier came by letter and two came for rededication of their lives to the Master. Dr. Tom Brown, pastor, closed the service by placing his arms around these young men and praying earnestly for them.

JACKSON: Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, conferred with representatives of the State Convention Board and the post chaplain at the Jackson Air Base during a brief visit here.

Fellowship services for soldiers at the Calvary Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church were well attended by groups of young men from the Air Base. We observed that soldiers like to sing, talk with the young ladies and partake of refreshments. This means much to the men in uniform and yet it costs the churches very little. Try it and test the results.

COLUMBUS: The Air Base is KAYE Field. Services are being planned for the Base and Dr. Franks states that as many as seventeen Baptist churches in Lowndes and adjoining counties have expressed a desire to participate in these, the time from six to seven each Tuesday evening. These religious services are being arranged through the post chaplain. The gospel will be preached and souls will be saved. This is evidence of Baptists being alert to the spiritual needs.

Soldier mail is one thing that experience has taught Army officials is almost as vital in the fighting man's life as food. Whenever possible mail is sent with convoys and supply trains even to our farflung outposts. We know of a church that has a plan that makes it a definite responsibility of some member to write the young men each week who have gone into the armed forces. This is a three cent stamp investment that is worth "millions" to the receiver. (Note—See letter by Chaplain P. F. Herring in last week's Record, page 6.—Editor.)

KEESLER FIELD, BILOXI: We would like to eat here and we list below the items of food consumed right in our own state during the month of March, in just one Army Air Corps School. These figures are no military secret: Meat, such as beef, fresh pork, sausage, ham and fish, 573,000 pounds; fresh milk, 950,000 half pints; 297,000 loaves of bread, several carloads of vegetables; 19,000 gallons of ice cream and 180,000 cup cakes! "Who giveth food to all flesh . . ." Psalms 136:25.

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NOW READY

The 1942 packages of free Vacation Bible School literature are now ready for use. These will be gladly sent on request. They are up-to-date and contain much helpful information about this vital part of the work. We should begin now making our plans for the Vacation Bible School.

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Pearl City Baptist Church: Organized, built and paid for in less than one year, and the church is now completely finished. It is located just four miles from Jackson, on the Fannin Road, in the community known as Pearl City. We have had great success in the work since the church was organized. We have a Sunday School, also B. Y. P. U., and the church has also accepted its quota of \$150.00 of the NOW club. We are conducting a series of services there this week. Our services begin at 8:15 P. M., and will continue through the present week. —Rev. B. H. Benton, Taylorsville.

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Sin is the only thing in the world that is contrary to God.

WHAT SOLDIERS WANT

What shall we give them? Husks or meat?

A few days ago on my way to our pastor's conference in Hattiesburg I met a young army officer. He was a handsome young fellow, clean-cut in every way. He was from Kentucky, and evidently from a home of culture and refinement. I asked this young man, "Just what do you soldiers want? Is it more entertainment, more honky-tonks, juke-joints, and night clubs? I want to know because I am on my way to a pastors' conference, and the question of what we can do for you boys will come up." He said, "Preach the gospel to us, and pray for us and give us that hope. Every soldier worthy the name wants something fine and good, and you church people ought to give it to us now, because this may be the last chance for us."

Fraternally,
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WHY DOESN'T GOD STOP THIS WAR?

First, God did not start this war. God did everything He could to keep humanity from getting into such a mess. He gave mankind a Book for their instruction, a Son for their Saviour and a Holy Spirit for their guidance and His church for their fellowship. Men despised and departed from all of these, yea from God Himself. It was man's sin and selfishness which brought these terrible times upon the world. Now, man must pay the penalty of his own guilt. If we sow to the flesh, we need not cry out against God if we reap destruction.

In the second place, God cannot suspend the law of grace or life or nature in order to save one individual or one group or one generation from the wilful perverseness of their own mind and nature. To do so would do them and all humanity infinitely more harm than good. If you jump out of the top floor of a ten-story building, God will not suspend the law of gravitation to save you from the consequences of your own wilful and wicked act. To do so would destroy the lives of multiplied millions of other people. If God should suddenly suspend this war, leaving man in the same sin and selfishness which brought it on, He would be doing evil instead of good. Men have forgotten God, denied spiritual reality and rejected spiritual experiences, and have set their hearts upon material things. Now, let mankind spend their multiplied billions of dollars and all of their property in the destruction of the very material things upon which they have set their heart and leave themselves bereft of everything but their own soul and God. In time, like the prodigal son, mankind will come to their senses, to the real meaning of life and will return to the Father's house and fellowship with God.

In the third place, we may be assured that whatever occurs, "all things work together for good to them that love God."—M. E. Dodd, in Church Chimes.

Baptist Training Union

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Corinth Reports Study Course

The First Baptist Church of Corinth reports an excellent Study Course, which was well attended. There was a revival of interest in Training Union, and plans were made for the best one that the church has ever known. Mrs. V. Ward Barr is the efficient director of this up and coming Training Union. The other officers, as well, are interested in making the B. T. U. grow in every way. During the Study Course five books were taught: The Baptist Training Union Manual, Building a Christian Home, Investments in Christian Living, Not Your Own, and The Junior and His Church. Fifty-nine people completed the course and received an award.

A Good Idea

Has your Union had a social lately? Many of our Unions fail to reach the Standard of Excellence on this one point alone. The Training Union Magazine offers many good suggestion each month in helping plan socials for every age. What about trying the plan of an Intermediate Union of Calvary Church, Jackson. It was announced that every member of the union was invited to attend a progressive dinner. And it was fun! The young folks gathered at the home of one member for the first course of the evening. From there, everyone went to another home for more food. By the time the fourth house was reached, needless to say, everyone was quite "full up". All of our Young People need good, wholesome entertainment, and Training Union is a fine place to help furnish the right kind of recreation and amusement. Plan a social now for your union, and have a good time of fun and fellowship. You can help the youth of your church to know what a good time really is, and to have a good time in the right kind of way. By planning good socials, you can have a part in encouraging your young people in thinking on the things that bring greater happiness in the Christian life.

Training School At Leland

The Training Union Department was happy to send fifty awards to those who completed a Training Union book at the recent study course of Leland Baptist Church. Much interest was manifest in the annual Training School of this fine church. From 7:00 to 7:30 each night, supper was served to everyone. This gave everyone an opportunity to mingle with friends before settling down to study. Between classes, a short devotional was given by some member of the faculty of the Study Course. The week was climaxed a social on Friday night. It was an inspiring and uplifting week for the church. Three books were offered for Training Union members: What we Believe, taught by Miss Electra Warren, Jackson; The Meaning of Church Membership, taught by Miss Dean; and The Junior and His Church taught by Mrs. Caulton Howell.

From Greenville, First Church
From the bulletin of Greenville,

First Church, we quote a paragraph that is self-explanatory. "We had a fine training school the past week with over one hundred in attendance and practically that many taking the examination. The classes were all taught by our own members and were well attended by our own people. Happy fellowship with a spirit of earnestness and enthusiasm was felt. That's the stuff out of which to grow a church. Not only Baptist Training Union training for service but B. T. U. training in service." The Training Union Department congratulates Mrs. Ben Penn, the director, and the church on this fine Study Course.

B. T. U. Reorganized

At New Prospect Church, in Lincoln Association, the Training Union has been revived and re-organized. For some months the B. T. U. had not been functioning, but the church felt the need of it. Therefore, under the leadership of its pastor, the B. T. U. has come to the front again. Mrs. Burton Watts is the director. We are assured that this Training Union will develop into one of the best in any of our churches.



Tchula B. T. U. Progresses

After a week of intensive study on the new manuals for each department of Training Union, the members of the B. T. U. of Tchula Baptist Church are ready and willing to work. About forty people attended classes each night and took the examination, which means that forty people know more about Training Union work. Some of the unions were reorganized during the week, with new officers elected and new committees formed. On Friday night a social was given by the Training Union to which every member of the church was invited. That was an excellent way to enlist some of the people who had not been attending Training Union.

Time Marches On

Three months of a new year have passed. Many of us as Training Union members and workers have planned to do great things for our B. T. U. But many of us have put these things off from week to week, intending to do them later. With a sudden start, we realize that the weeks have slipped into months, and that we have accomplished few of the things we meant to do. NOW is the time to plan and prepare. NOW is the time to carry out our plans and preparation. The B. T. U. will go forward as each member, whether officer or committee member, does his bit, and does it well. Time does march on. But Training Union can march with time.

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